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who, travellers said, have already heavily damaged the rail-line by burning the sleepers.

Reports are not clear from where the Reds struck, but it is known that they were in the vicinity of Anlu, a few miles west of Hwayuan, in the past few weeks, apparently gathering strength to challenge the Nationalist star guard.

Missionaries

The isolation of Shinyang, where the Lutheran Hospital operated, leaves at least six American missionaries without any means of reaching Hankow.

Inquiries at Pingnan Station brought the reply that no tickets were being sold for travel north with resumption of service un-

THE WEATHER

At 6800 GMT the tropical depression was situated about 800 miles east of Manila, probably moving slowly northeast. A moderate anticyclone extends from South China Sea across and is extending eastward. Pressure remains low to the northeast of Japan, and a shallow depression has developed near Peiping.

Forecast: Moderate northeast wind. Fine, continuing rather cold.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 84.3 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 40.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 10 hours
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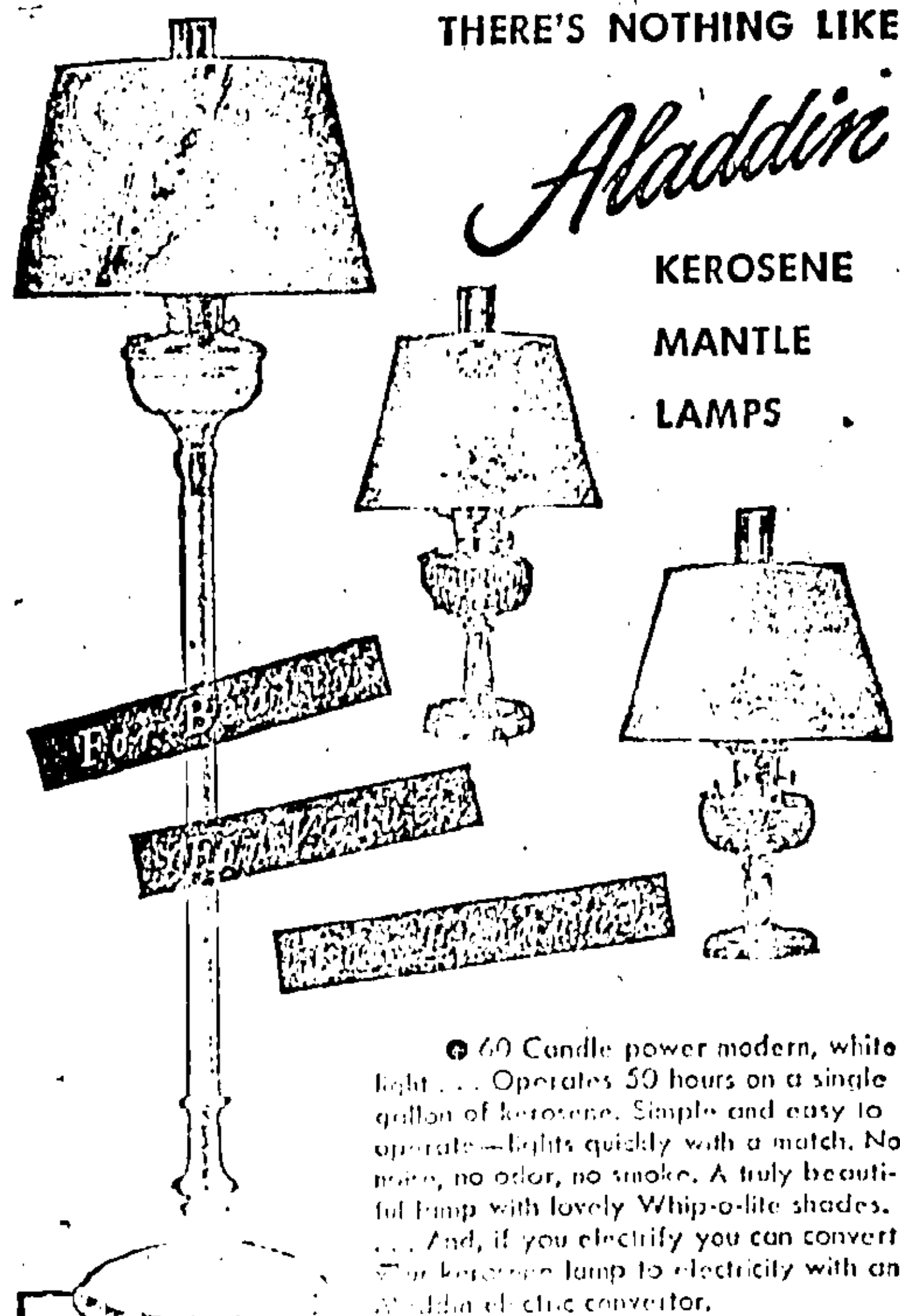
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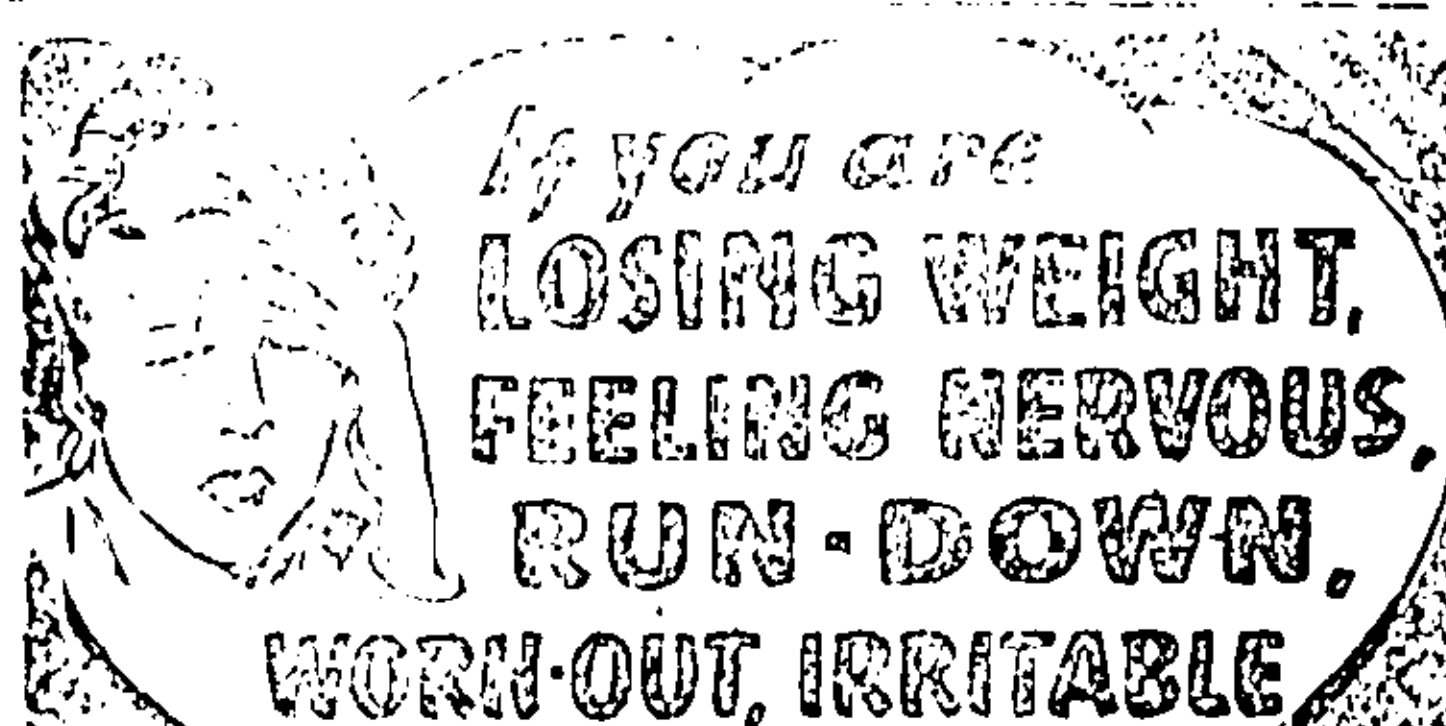
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POW AT HAINAN REARED FROGS

No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, trying 17 alleged Japanese war criminals, held a special Saturday session to enable former prisoners Captain Newnham, Lt. C. McCutcheon and Cpl. A. Pledger to fly to Australia via Japan on Tuesday.

Cpl. Pledger, the last of the three to give evidence, will finish giving expert medical evidence tomorrow.

Reading from a secret diary, which he had hidden from his Hainan Camp guards for two and a half years, the former medical NCO in charge of the camp, hospital, gave details of the ill-treatment and atrocities suffered by the 263 Australians and 237 Dutchmen, some 150 of whom died during the confinement.

Deaths were due to lack of medical, surgical instruments with which to carry out necessary operations and food.

Cpl. Pledger, who was cross-examined by Defence Counsel Sir Isaac on medical matters, obviously prompted by the two defendant doctors, told of the injuries he had seen suffered by the POWs as they were brought into the hospital after being "assaulted."

During his imprisonment, Pledger said he did not know of any Japanese who had died from any of the circumstances suffered by the POWs.

Highlights

Highlights of the Saturday session were how a Dutch POW "reared" two frogs and how the POWs improvised clothes from tin bags.

Witness said a Dutch prisoner was so "hungry" for meat that he caught two young frogs and kept them in a box under a hospital sink where water dripped on them continually.

These were "reared" to a considerable size, when the Dutchman died justice to them.

Clothing was so hard then, Cpl. Pledger said, that the POWs collected rice gunny bags and made three holes in each.

"The head went into one hole and the arms into the others."

And thus, they went about with their work throughout late 1944.

Dr. A. W. Dawson-Grove, of Hong Kong, will be called by the four-man tribunal on Monday to give highly expert technical medical evidence on tropical disease, malaria, non-nutrition and beri-beri.

Plea To Jews To Subscribe

OTTAWA, JAN. 17. MAYOR ISAAC ROKACH OF TEL AVIV SAID HE FORESEES STRIFE IN PALESTINE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME AND PLEADED THAT WORLD JEWRY SUBSCRIBE ALL THE MONEY IT COULD FOR THE WORK OF BUYING LAND FOR REFUGEE JEWS TO COLOMIES.

In an address to meeting of the Zionist organization of Canada in convention at Ottawa, Rokach said Palestine will not be self-supporting for some time yet and a great part of the nation's budget will have to be set aside for defence.

The project of buying and reclaiming desert land in southern Palestine will be a big drain on the funds of the country. Supplies must come from the Jews outside Palestine through the Jewish National Fund.

He said land was of prime importance to Palestine Jews if the territories granted by the United Nations are eventually forthcoming.

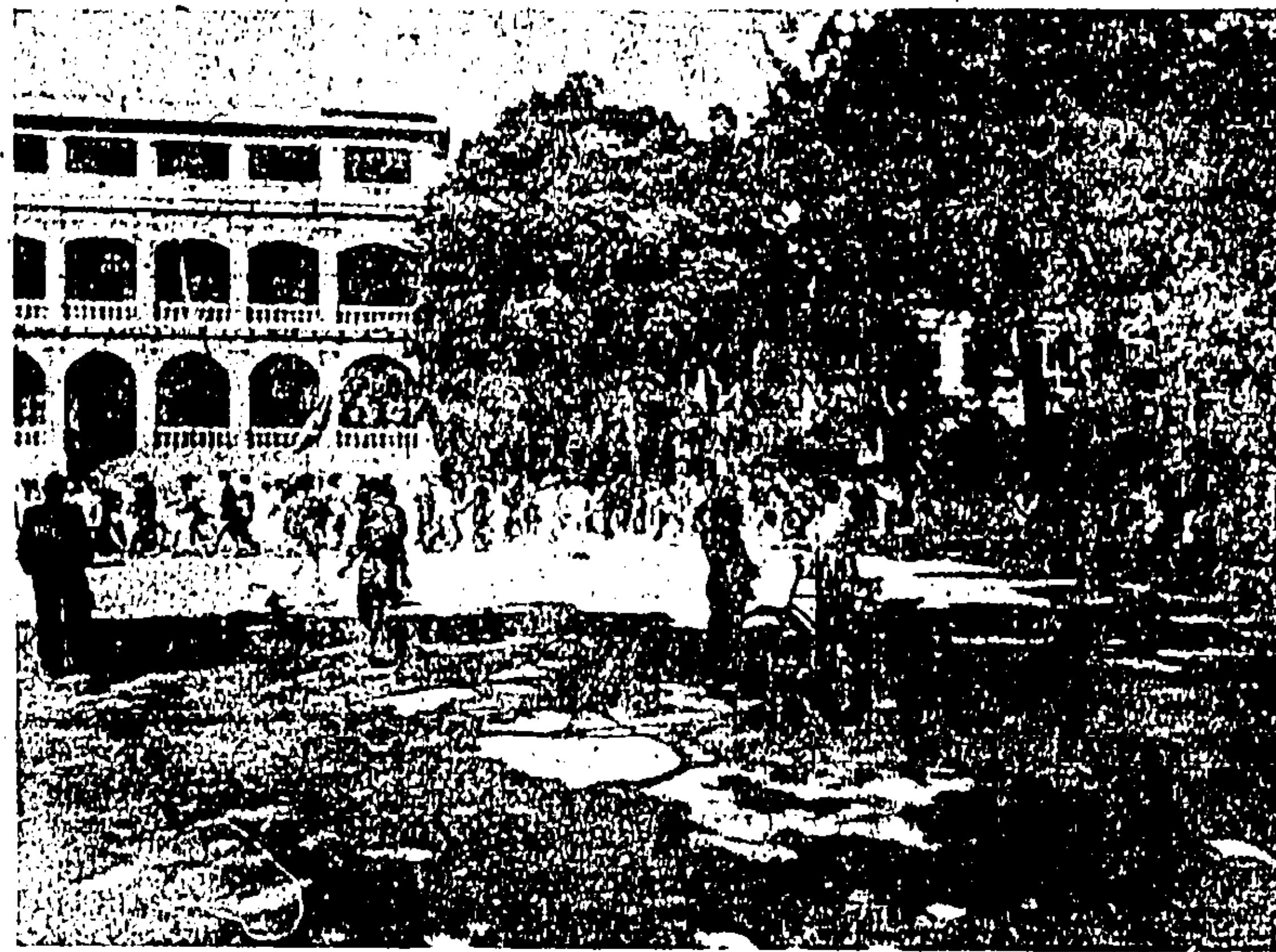
He told the 150 guests that the task of defence and colonisation will be made hard by the fact that much of the country granted to Jews was unproductive. Associated Press.

DON JUAN GOES TRAVELLING

Lioben, Jan. 17. The Spanish Pretender, Don Juan, left here by air to-day for Switzerland. He was accompanied by his son—Routier.

Tel Aviv, Jan. 17. The Hebrew daily newspaper "Haboker," said today "it was feared today in Jerusalem that the Cardinal Secretary of State in Vatican City has asked France, Canada and several Latin American countries whether they were prepared to despatch to Palestine small military contingents for the protection of the holy places." Associated Press.

Shameen Shadows



Shameen was in the grip of riotous crowds of students for more than two hours on Friday. During that short space of time they sacked the British Consulate and set fire to it in addition to other foreign buildings in the neighbourhood. Above photo gives a general view of the demonstrators in Shameen on their way to the Consulate.

CANTON EVACUEES WERE FLOWN HERE YESTERDAY

Seventeen British and American women and children arrived by two Hong Kong Airways planes yesterday from Canton having been evacuated on instructions of their respective diplomatic representatives in the Kwangtung capital as a precautionary measure against any repetition of Friday's Chinese mob violence against foreigners.

The evacuees, most of whom had lost their personal belongings, were escorted from Canton by Mr. C. V. Curtis, of Davie Boag and Company. Mr. Curtis, as a result of being manhandled by the demonstrators, was limping and had plaster-tape on different parts of his hands.

Flag Day Delivers \$32,000

More than \$32,000 were collected yesterday as a result of the Flag Day in aid of the Tung Wah group of hospitals.

This amount is expected to be considerably increased. The final check is made of contributions which came in later in the day.

Personalia

Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi, left for Canton yesterday.

The forthcoming wedding of Lieut. Comdr. John Buchanan Philip Stirling, R.N., H.M.S. Tamar, to Mary Kathleen Poole has been announced.

Ronald Clark, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Morse and Edmond Sassoon left the Colony yesterday in the P.A.A. Clipper "Cathay" for Bangkok.

The last person to reach Hong Kong yesterday was Mr. Jack Parkhouse, of Deacon and Company. He was also one of those attacked by the mob.

Mr. Parkhouse's head was bandaged, and there were bruises and swollen spots on his face and hands. All that he could manage to tell the "Sunday Herald" at the hotel was: "Oh, it was horrible."

An American who came down by the same plane said that the mob appeared well-organised. He said that anti-British feeling had been tense for a few days prior to the incident.

The full list of people who arrived by Hong Kong Airways planes yesterday from Canton follows:

Mrs. V.D. Lawrence, Master D. Lawrence, Miss S.A. Lawrence, Miss A. Lawrence, Miss Joan Gregory, Mrs. A. P. de Bona, Master M. C. de Bona, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. J. Male, Mrs. G. H. Thomas, Mrs. Hodfast, Miss Hodfast, Mrs. F. P. Bunn, Mrs. J. L. Williams, Miss B. L. Horne, Mrs. J. L. Murray, Mr. J. L. Murray, Rev. John Williams, Mr. Jack Parkhouse, Mr. C.V. Curtis (who has returned Canton).

Those interviewed by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday had this to say: "I am lucky to have come through alive," declared one man who wished to remain anonymous. He added: "I was knocked about and received a number of wounds."

"The whole affair was obviously the work of political agitators. It was very well organised," he continued.

"What appeared in the local press was substantially correct."

Mrs. John Williams, wife of Rev. William Williams, secretary of the YMCA in Canton, said that she, her husband and Miss Barbara Horne, secretary to the British Consul-General, Mr. Ronald Hall, narrowly escaped falling into the hands of the mob.

"We ran around the corner to Buchanan's with the mob hot on our heels," said Mrs. Williams, adding that after they were safe inside, someone foolishly re-opened the door. As a result, she was struck by a rock on the left temple.

The improvised bandage applied in Canton was replaced yesterday morning in the Peninsula Hotel first-aid department.

Mrs. Williams said that several American firms displayed the Stars and Stripes prominently in order to forestall mob violence to their properties and persons.

One man acting as a courier for the different panned-up groups, pedalled up and down the streets on a bicycle flying a large American flag.

Claiming American citizenship was one way by which a British girl escaped the mob.

She said that she put on her "best American accent" and got away with it.

Mrs. F. P. Bunn said that when the demonstrators reached the Chinese hotel in which she was staying, she decided to "sit tight."

She added: "I have been long enough in China to know what all that shouting meant." She said she could not speak Cantonese. She arrived from Shanghai just three weeks ago and spoke only Mandarin dialect.

Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Bunn and Miss Horne had lost most of their clothes and personal belongings. Mrs. Williams displayed a flecked tweed suit which she said, was loaned to her by a friend in Canton. One of the women plaintively remarked: "I haven't even got a comb."

Attempts to interview other evacuees proved fruitless yesterday. The women had instructions from their diplomatic representatives to avoid the press in Hong Kong.

IN COMMAND

Nanking, Jan. 17. The Chinese Government, in another major army command reshuffle today, put the veteran Burma campaigner, Wei Chang, in full charge of the Communist suppression operations in Manchuria.

The announcement, made by the Government Information Office, said Wei will head the newly created Manchuria Communist Suppression Headquarters and will concurrently be the Deputy Director of the Generalissimo's Headquarters for the Northeast—United Press.

HE STRUCK A WOMAN WHO HELD A BABY

Your behaviour was most abominable. You struck the woman while she was still holding her baby. There's not a spark of decency in you."

Mr. J. G. Conklyn, told this to Sum Yat-ming, manufacturer of machinery, of No. 74 Yu Chow Street, second floor, who was charged at Central Magistracy yesterday with assaulting and using abusive and insulting language to Hui Nai-ming, married woman.

Convicted on both counts, the 28-year-old Shanghai-born, described as a "bad tempered young man" with a previous malicious damage conviction in March, 1946, was sentenced to one month hard labour and fined \$100.

Inspector Downridge told the Court that the trouble started when Hui boarded a bus at Queen's Road, Central. Sum shared a seat with a small rat-basket. Hui sat next to him and requested that the basket, which was taking up space, be put on the floor. Sum refused. L. Cpl. 1121 came up and told Sum to put his basket on the floor. Sum again refused, saying that it was too heavy, whereupon the constable volunteered to help him do it.

"Abuse"

Sum then was alleged to have abused Hui for asking a constable to help her. Hui stood up and as she was passing her baby to a friend, fearing that the baby would be hurt in the event of a fight, Sum struck her in the left eye.

Defendant, saying that he had four men under his direction manufacturing machinery, said that he shifted his basket nearer him to allow the woman and her baby to sit. He claimed that Hui edged closer and he had to shift his basket nearer. He could not put the basket on the floor as it was too narrow.

Reminders

Today
Concert of Recorded Music, Toe H Club, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Cocktail Party, on board s.s. Eves, Cleveland, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Sikh Festival, Birthday anniversary of Guru Govind Singh, Jee, Sikh Temple.
Armchair Group meeting European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Exhibition of Paintings, St. Francis Hotel, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Annual Ewo Cricket match, H.K.C.C. ground, 11 a.m.
Screening of "Penicillin," "HMS King George V," and "Big City (London)," European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Annual Race Meeting, Second Day, Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m.
Cocktail Party on s.s. Prts. Cleveland, 2.30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Urban Council Meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.

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Britain Realises Children Are Best Immigrants

London, Jan. 17.

An amendment to Britain's divorce laws to make a marriage voidable if one of the parties refuses to have children by insisting on the use of contraceptive, will be suggested by the Liberal Peer, Lord Meston, soon after Parliament reassembles next Tuesday.

This is a sequel to last month's decision of the House of Lords, sitting as the highest legal tribunal in the country, that the persistent use of contraceptives did not involve refusal to consummate a marriage and that the aggrieved husband or wife, who desired children, had no legal remedy.

Giving the House of Lords judgment, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, said that the insistence on the procreation of children as one of the principal ends, if not the principal end, of marriage, required examination.

It was, he said, indisputable that the institution of marriage generally was not necessary for the procreation of children; nor did it appear to be a principal end of marriage as understood in Christendom, which might for this purpose be defined as the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.

This view is contested by Cardinal Griffin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, who maintains that the Catholic religion has always taught that the procreation of children was the primary purpose of marriage.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, will have opportunity of stating his views when Lord Meston raises the subject in the House of Lords.

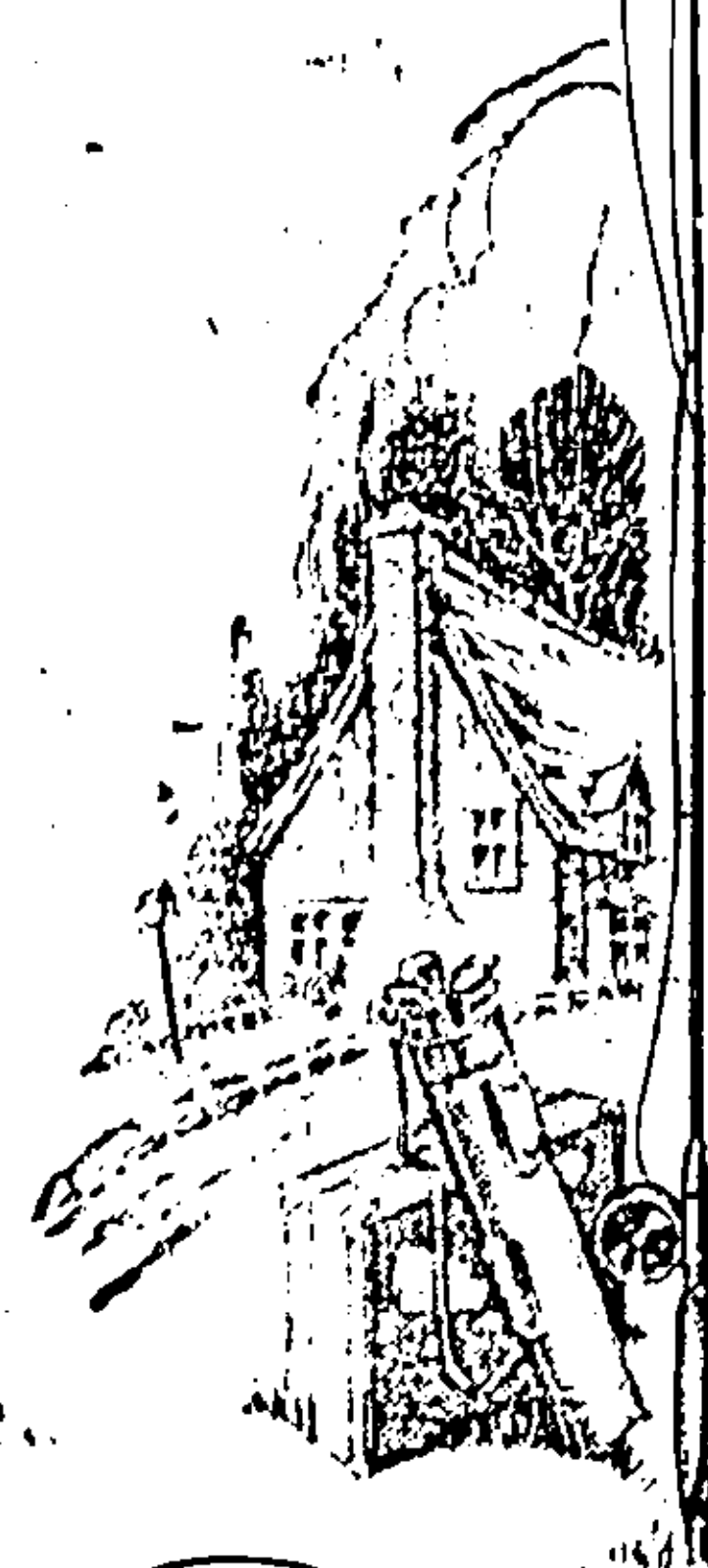
Lord Meston will ask the Government "to consider amending the matrimonial causes act, 1937, so as to provide that a marriage may be voidable where one of the parties to a marriage at all times refuses to allow the procreation of children by insisting on the use of methods of prevention."

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JAVA AMITY PACT SIGNED ON WARSHIP

(Aboard the U.S.S. Renville
Batavia Bay), Jan. 17.
Aboard this American vessel under the eyes of the United Nations Committee the Dutch and Indonesians today signed the agreement to end their warfare and to work again toward a peaceful political settlement, says U.P. correspondent A. C. Brackman.

SALARY ARREARS

The first payments of arrears under the recommendations of the Salaries Commission commenced yesterday to the first three Departments in the Estimates in the order in which they appear therein.

By Tuesday it is probable that the majority of local staff in Government House, Colonial Secretariat and Audit Department (Clerks, Office Attendants, Messengers etc.) will have received their arrears of pay up to Dec. 31, 1947.

A LONE ROBBER STABBED HER

Returning home at about 9.20 p.m. yesterday Miss Lee Ah Po, 32, a Shaughnessy lady was confronted by a lone robber on the staircase of her house at No. 389 Hennessy Road.

On her raising the alarm, the robber stabbed her with a sharp weapon, causing injuries to her mouth.

Miss Lee was removed to Queen Mary Hospital but her condition was not considered serious. She related to the authorities that nothing was stolen from her.

It drew from the Indonesian signer, Republican Premier Amir Sjarifuddin, immediately the statement that his side was dissatisfied "but we will carry out this agreement . . . to the best of our ability."

After Sjarifuddin had signed Abdul Kadir, the Indonesian chairman of the Netherlands Delegation and Deputy Governor General of the Indies, signed for Holland.

The U.S. delegate (Mr. Graham) said: "This afternoon formally opens a hopeful gateway to a truce of peace and freedom of national independence and mutual cooperation to two of the great peoples of our times . . . Peace has come and it is now the patriots' duty to keep the truce and make secure life and property everywhere."

"In the new spirit and atmosphere of the truce let us all join hands to transform the objectives of conflict to peace from bullets to ballots."

United States Marines stood as an honour guard as the ceremony was carried out.

Effective

The agreement took effect at 2100 local time today and becomes final at 2400 on Jan. 21.

It was the fourth agreement to halt fighting in the struggle which began when the Japanese were chased from the rich Netherlands Indies.

The agreement provides for a truce while both sides work on continuing the programme by which Indonesia eventually will get its independence from the Dutch as a "United States of Indonesia."

It is understood that as soon as the signing was finished the UN Committee also asked both sides to agree that Netherlands sovereignty will be honoured until the United States of Indonesia is created at some future date and that the then Republic will become one state in that new country.

The flag aboard the Renville flew at half-mast to mark the death of Josephus Daniels. — United Press.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Bank of Communications \$5,000, Members of the Board of Directors of Tung Wah Hospital \$1,000, The Hong Kong Police—Sale of Christmas Cards \$945, The Pupils, Wanchai P. M. School January Contribution \$53.60, In Memory of Oscar Eager from "Anonymous" \$50, In Memory of Harry Tate from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. R. May \$20, In Memory of Inspector Tate from Mr. and Mrs. Danbrowsky \$10, Anne Marie \$10.—Total \$3,744,253.68.

Tientsin, Jan. 17. This important North China port is shivering in mid-winter weather as the temperature dropped to 13 degrees C. below zero. All waterways to the city are ice-bound.—Central News.

RADIO

2BW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 10.50 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and from 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 10.50 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 and 9 to 11 p.m.

10.30 a.m.—Relay of the Service from the English Methodist Church. Preacher: The Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

11.30 a.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra Concert.

12.35 p.m.—Piano Interlude.

12.50 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.52 p.m.—Light Orchestral Favorites.

1.00 p.m.—A Light Vocal Programme.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Music by Purcell.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—London Relay: Weekly News-Letter.

8.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Strings of Melodrama.

8.30 p.m.—Light Variety.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

9.15 p.m.—A Light Classical Programme.

9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Orley Farm" by A. Trollope.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay: "ITMA" with Handley.

9.55 p.m.—Vocal Recital by John McHugh.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.11 p.m.—2BW "From" No. 4 (Second Series).

10.15 p.m.—Brandsburg Concerto No. 4 in G Major—Busch Chamber Players.

10.20 p.m.—Symphony No. 9 in D Minor—(Chorus)—Vienna Philharmonic Orp. and Vienna State Opera Chorus.

10.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Relaxation in Great Britain".

10.45 p.m.—STUDIO: Sunday Evening—Talks conducted by the Rev. F.W. Weaver.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Hollywood H.K. DEMOCRATS SPLIT RANKS



Hollywood, loses none of its unconventional repute in this rather striking new hat fashion. The hat is a beige felt, styled with cuff brim. It's trimmed with three flat disks of stitched felt. Disks are edged with gold cording, fastened to the hat with an ornament of matching cord. The hat is worn by Bette Arlen, film actress, whose latest picture is "If You Knew Susie." (AP Photo).

Letters From Readers

Kowloon

Sir—Editorial comment in local British newspaper underlines clearly the fact that an incident such as the appalling outrage in Canton is the inevitable result of malevolent propaganda designed deliberately to inflame violent mob passions.

From the fact that all the Chinese newspapers in Nationalist China are controlled by the Kuomintang in one way or another, and presumably have to print what they are told, it is reasonable to conclude that this propaganda can only have been officially or semi-officially inspired. To support this conclusion, reference need only be made to the recent report that an "identical" editorial on the Kowloon City issue appeared in all Canton newspapers, and that it had been decided to boycott Reuter's reports on this subject.

Perhaps you, Sir would be good enough to inform us whether it is true that all Hong Kong Chinese newspapers are also Kuomintang-controlled and whether all of them are printing nothing but "a glib" and distorted versions of the facts regarding the Kowloon City issue? If so, then the vast majority of the local Chinese population, who presumably do not read the British papers, can be reading only the official "Party" line on this issue, except for the few Hong Kong Government pronouncements which are published in the local Chinese press also. It must then be the case that many decent Chinese residents here are having their minds filled by distorted versions of the news and that the British side of the case is going largely by default so far as the local Chinese are concerned.

The principles of a free press could not be vitiated by this suggestion if, as is believed, there are no really free and independent Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong.

B. K.

And Kowloon

Sir—If agreeable, I wish you to publish the attached article so that the unpleasant Kowloon City incident would be closed locally instead of becoming a National issue.

Personally I realize that the great majority of clear thinking people of China do not engender any ill feelings against Great Britain, which has been a good and loyal friend of China in the last war.

There is no reason why should the two peoples be brought to mistrust each other. The handling of political agitators in Canton are aiming to bring a serious obstacle against the diplomatic path of our Canton Governor, Mr. Soong, who is evidently disliked by many of his political enemies.

I wish you would advise our distinguished Government here to have a direct talk with Mr. Soong to avoid further complications. He is a liberal and a man of common sense. It is not necessary for Hong Kong to halt ship traffic as the situation seems to me more directed against Mr. Soong than against Hong Kong.

I wish the Court would allow appeal to the prisoners sentenced whose release under bonds with severe caution may pacify the ugly situation in a great way. A direct talk will devise means to settle the issue amicably with due respect for the prestige of both Hong Kong and Canton Governments, which have not the least intent to hurt one another.

W. T. L.

Disagreement in the ranks of the China Democratic League which has been reformed in the Third Plenary Session being split into sub-committees to iron out the differences.

The sub-committees have been meeting for the past few days. The Third Plenary Session, disrupted on the fourth day of its meeting, is expected to resume in the next few days.

The "Sunday Herald" was told last night that the League was preparing a proclamation to be issued this week setting forth its platform and programme for future action to bring about democracy in China.

The Session was broken up on Jan. 9 following disagreement between Communist and conservative elements over the League's future policy.

ONCE A THIEF—ALWAYS ONE

Once a thief always a thief—and that is Chan Sing, 22-year-old unemployed, who appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with unlawful possession of two pairs of socks and breach of expulsion order.

Chan had three previous larceny convictions and served 10 months hard labour.

Convicted on both charges, the banished was sentenced to four months hard labour and re-banished.

PC 246 was on duty near Gilman Street at 5 p.m. on Friday when he heard shouting and saw defendant running with a man chasing him.

Both gave chase and caught defendant near the World Theatre, Des Voeux Road.

On him was found two pairs of socks, which Chan claimed to have been given by a friend.

Chan said he ran because someone struck him.

CANTON AIR FLIGHTS

Contrary to reports from Canton the "Sunday Herald" was informed yesterday that Hong Kong Airways have not suspended all regular scheduled flights between Hong Kong and Canton.

As was the case yesterday, three return flights will be made to Canton today. Tomorrow, however, the company will return to its schedule of two return flights.

MUSIC GROUP CONCERT

The Music Group of the Sino-British Club will hold its third concert on Friday at St. Stephen's Girls' College, at 9 p.m.

The celebrated Chinese violinist Professor Siton Ma will come from Canton to take part in the concert.

Piano Solos will be rendered by the dozen of Hong Kong's musicians, Professor Harry Ore.

Other performers will be Joan Turville (soprano), a newcomer to the Colony, and the Hong Kong Songsters (sponsored by the Chinese Y.M.C.A.), with Betty Brown, Harry Ore and Wong Man-kyong as accompanists.

Tickets will be on sale at Moutrie's music store, Chater Road, from Monday morning. Admission prices are \$5, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

MADRID CLASHES

Madrid, Jan. 17. There were clashes between students to-day during a partial student strike at Madrid University. The strike started in the faculty of political and economic science because students who had been promised jobs on graduation were unable to obtain them.

Non-striking students who attempted to enter the University were prevented by strikers, leading to clashes.—Associated Press.

STALIN HOST TO POLES

London, Jan. 17. Prime Minister Josef Stalin tonight received a Polish delegation headed by Premier Cyrankiewicz, the Moscow radio said.—Associated Press.

Moscow, Jan. 17. Spring sowing has begun in Tadzhikistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, southern republics of the Soviet Union, where spring has already come before the winter, has set in in Central and Northern Russia, the Soviet news agency, reported today.

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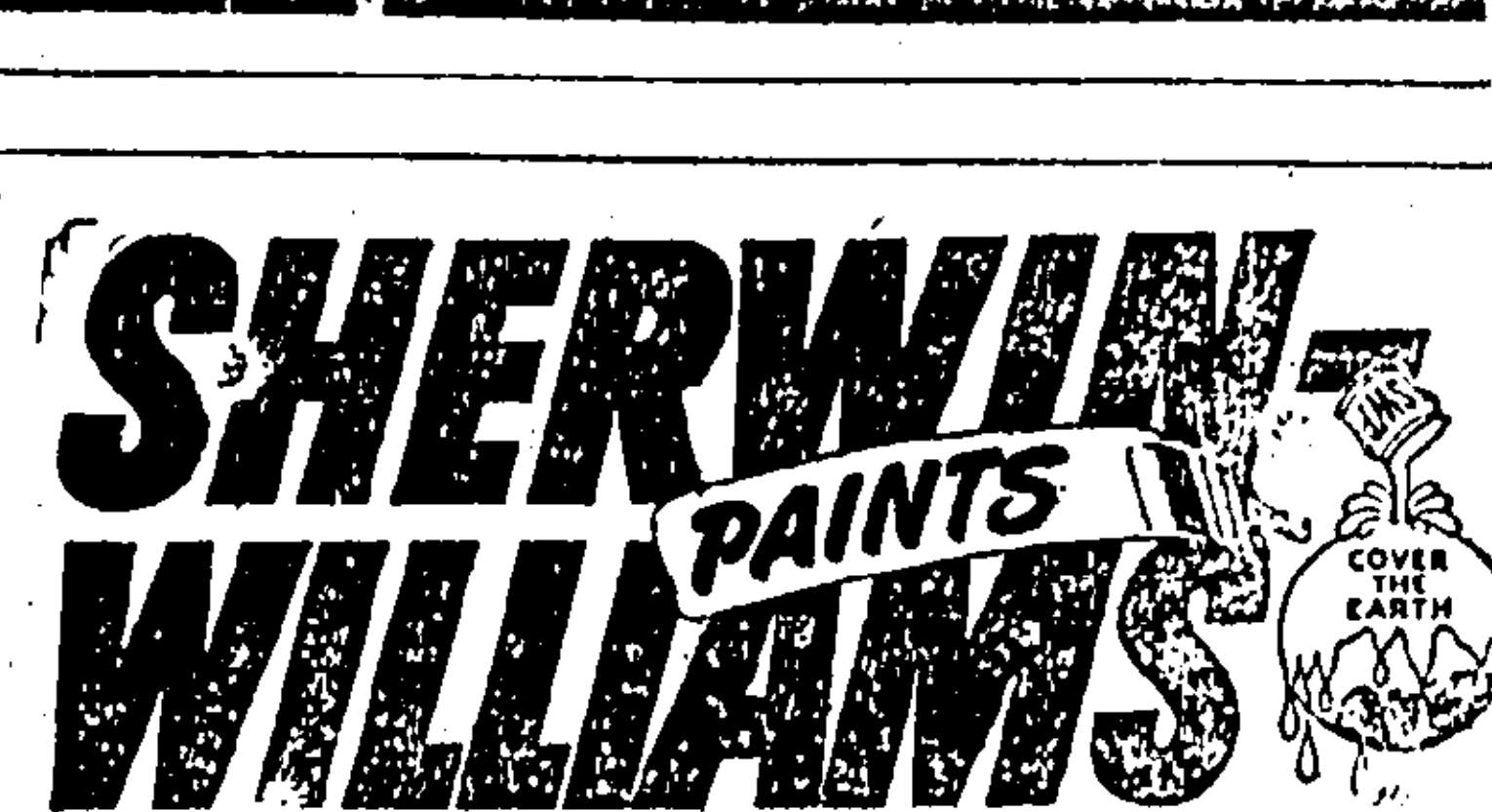
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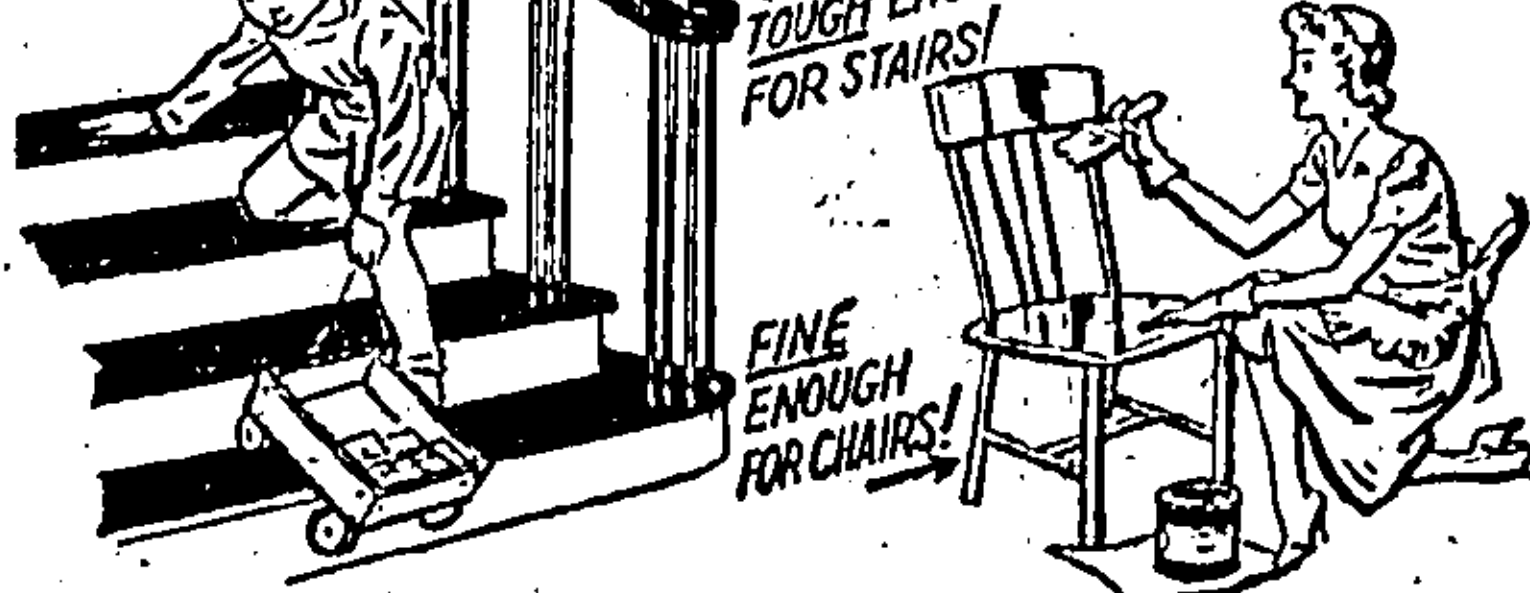
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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

Z.B.W.

By ARTHUR GEE

The Postmaster-General gave a press conference last Monday. I had hoped to be among those present, but had to forego the pleasure owing to an attack of what the old Family Doctor diagnosed as frontal neuritis. This gave me a headache a week long and eventually confined me to bed for some hours (Incidentally, I will pass on a sure-cure I found purely by chance that evening—a large beer, followed by a double Scotch-and-splash).

To return to the press confab, on second thoughts, I was glad I didn't attend. Those sort of get-togethers with Government officials are, at very well, but with the whole press sitting around a table with ears a-rock, they lack that exclusiveness which journalists love. Ask a question and you provide your rivals with copy!

Furthermore, an impromptu question is likely to be purely worded and therefore misunderstood, and an answer on the spur of the moment inadequate in content and/or liable to misinterpretation. However, about both ZBW and the PMG's press conference, on September 18th last, I pointed out that one of the crippling factors affecting ZBW programmes was the small amount of money allotted to broadcasting in the Colony's annual Budget. I drew attention to the fact that for the current year, ZBW, and its Chinese

Unike the PMG, I was able to indicate the policy in the reverse direction (i.e. either to reduce the number or the length of such programmes)? Is it the present ten-derly to develop such programmes—which call for a certain amount of preparation and scrip-writing—or is the official policy one of just drawing up a list of records for the ordinary announcer to read?

The other point received inadequate coverage in the press reports of the PMG's conference. Many of us who know something about ZBW and its internal works feel that it is wrong that it should be controlled by whoever happens to be PMG. He may have not the slightest qualification for the task; but, as the present incumbent reveals below, the PMG's word is Law and what he says goes. The PMG tried to show that this was in line with the policy at Home vis-a-vis the BBC, which comes under the Postmaster-General.

That is so in theory, but not in actual practice. The PMG at Home presents the estimates for the BBC as part of his portion of the Budget, but he is quite content to leave the running of it, the drawing-up of programmes, and the general policy in the hands of the BBC Board and its officials. The BBC is financed by means of revenue from licences for

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A.—"These request programmes are admittedly popular with a certain section of the community, but also unpopular with others. The question of whether the somewhat large proportion of fees available for artists can continue to be justifiably spent on these programmes is a matter which is receiving the attention of the Advisory Committee."

C.—No programme is ever popular with 100 per cent of the listening public. My pet programmes are the "Proms" concert and the "Classical Request Hour" (which I have called it); the "Variety Request Hour" and "Unit Request" leave me cold. But I'm not selfish; you leave my pet listening-periods alone and I'll leave you yours. The only programme that should be dropped is one that is unpopular with the great majority. As for the high proportion of fees, that's all my eye. There are four real Request Programmes—Linda Carter's "Unit Request"; Ethel Holmes-Brown's "Hospital

A.—"The Committee meets regularly once a month. Matters of special urgency are circulated to them as occasion demands."

Q.—Has the Broadcasting Committee ever been known to over-rule the Postmaster-General?

A.—The Broadcasting Committee is Advisory and Consultative and has no legal powers to over-rule the Postmaster-General, who is the authority responsible to Government. The Postmaster-General is naturally guided by their advice, except in cases where administrative necessity makes it impossible to accept such advice."

C.—In other words, if they agree with the Postmaster-General, everything's fine; but if he is strong-willed he can quite cheerfully go ahead with his own idea.

Q.—Was the news announcer who was on the air during the lunch period last Saturday approved by the Postmaster-General, and if so, why?

A.—"ZBW announcers are all tested and approved by an Audition Committee, and not merely by the Postmaster-General. The news announcer on Saturday, January 17th, was so approved before the war and is, in fact, our most experienced announcer."

C.—True again, up to a point. The news announcer I singled out for special mention, he'd be quite good as an ordinary continuity type—you know. "This is Zhongkong calling the next record you will hear is a suit by V. Williams"—but he is not, I submit, a news announcer. The fact he was approved before the war is hardly a recommendation, if you remember what a soddy affair ZBW and its announcers then were. As for experience—don't run away with the idea he's ex-BBC or even BBC-trained. So far as I have been able to find out, his experience is largely ZBW-before-the-war; I've played around with radio receivers since about 1925, but I make no claim to being an experienced wireless operator.

Q.—Is it considered likely that the allocation for broadcasting will be reduced in the next estimates? Is ZBW being run on the lines that (a) the allocation will be the same, (b) it will be reduced, or (c) it will be increased?

A.—"Your enquiry about the Estimates cannot be answered as prior to discussion by the Legislative Council all such information is confidential."

C.—A way of telling me to mind my own business. But would it really be a breach of confidence to reveal whether the station is now being run on the lines of (a), (b) or (c)?

Subsequently, I forwarded a supplementary question through the PRO, asking who were the members of the Audition Committee and whether or not their powers were similar to those of the Advisory Committee. The PMG's reply ran as follows:—

"The Audition Committee is a sub-committee of, and appointed by, the Broadcasting Advisory Committee. The membership changes from time to time. The majority of the advice of the Audition Committee has invariably been accepted."

Comment.—At the moment, I believe I'm correct in saying, the Audition Committee consists of the Postmaster-General, Colin Morrison, Colonel Mosely (CSO), Father Ryan, R. P. Morris and T. R. Rowell. What winners?

Headlines

Have been collecting a few typical headlines from the American press on the subject of the Royal Wedding. A sample few:—

"Prince Woes Princess Beth."
"Pop Glives Elizabeth a Love Nest."
"Eliz, Phil Wait Hitching Party."
"Plain Nuptials for Liz, and King Fixes Tour Abroad."
"Tweeds Okay at Liz's Wedding."
"Wanted—Palace: Young Couple: Good Refs."

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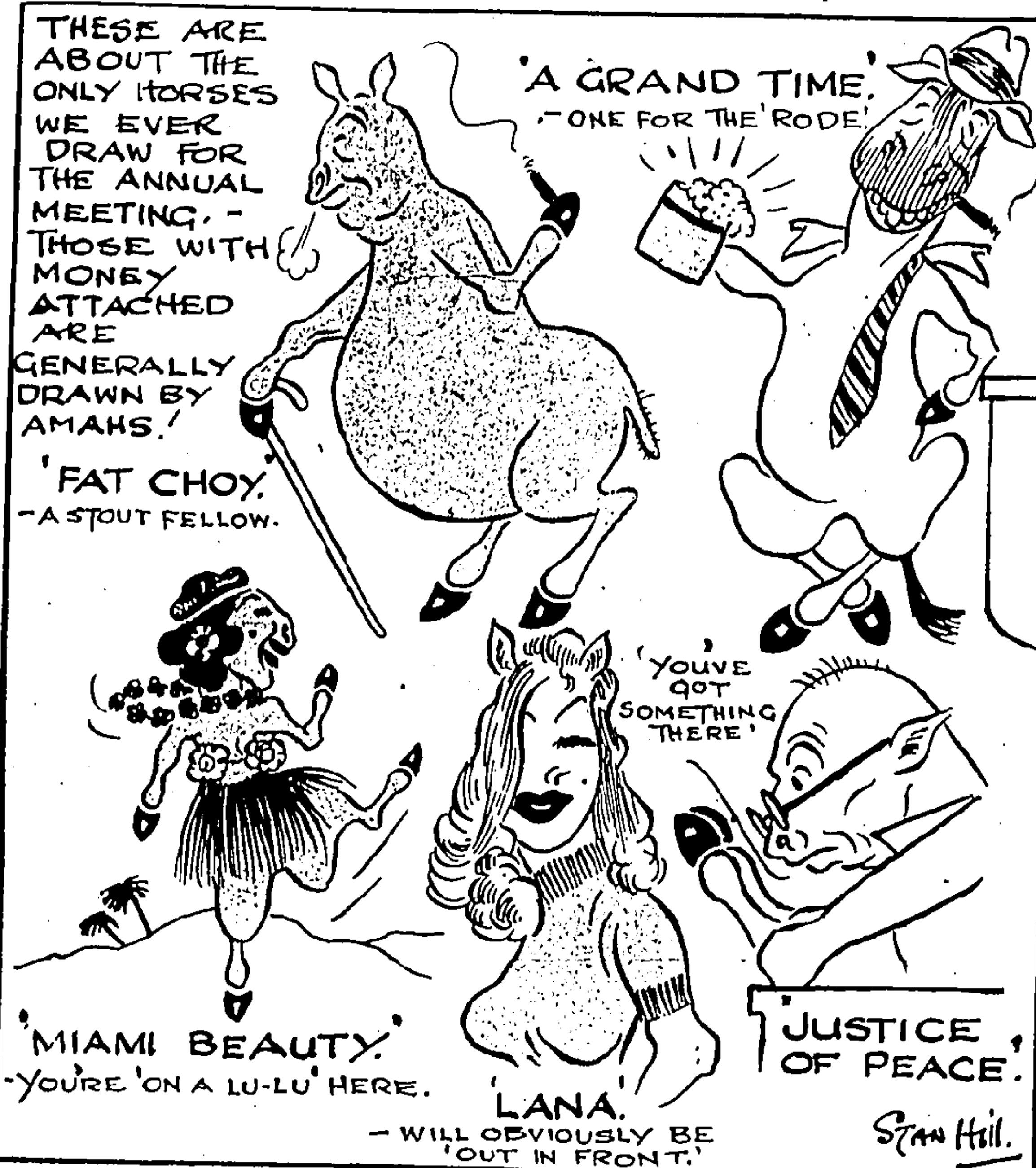
"But I'm what you might call a strictly utility gardener. I do not handle a pretty spade. My prejudice against gardening arises from the fact that in my opinion the ground itself has been placed too low down."
—E. Moore Ritchie on "The Keen Gardener."

"A lot of the early Elizabethan planning was a good deal better than ours today. The Spanish Armada wasn't beaten by a lot of unorganised ships. The Elizabethans must have been jolly good at planning."
—Vinton Burns on "Planning."

"Today the inverted snobs who organise our music still trade on the fact that miners listen to Beethoven and like it. What is so surprising about this, anyway? It isn't news. Today it seems to be considered a remarkable thing that an ordinary person should listen to music. Conductors and performers and organisers become crashing boring on the subject. 'Do you know,' they say, 'I actually had an engineer driver come up to me and say that he liked Mozart. And there were, at least 50, bus conductors in the audience too.' So what?"—Spike Hughes on "Life at Home."

CARTOON

By STAN HILL



brother ZEK, had been allotted \$158,631. I suggested that this figure was probably based on the "Estimated Receipts from Wireless Licences" of \$159,000. I submitted that this would prove to be a gross under-estimate.

This last point would appear to have been confirmed by the PMG on Monday. He revealed that to date some 22,000 licences (bringing in a total of \$26,000 in cash) had been issued, as compared with 14,000 licences before the war. So far as I can find out, previous to (i.e. in deed, any) of the extra \$114,000 has come ZBW's way. What has happened to it? If the annual allocation is to be based on the approximate intake from licences, surely ZBW should be permitted to benefit if the number of listeners increases? Why should every cent of this money be poured back into the cost of running ZBW and ZEK? We get precious little as it is for our \$12, as compared with the \$16 (£1) that a licence at Home now costs.

There were a couple of other points that caught my eye. Some one asked a question about having women announcers, as ZBW has none and rumour has had it that this is because of a veto by the PMG. He apparently repudiated this by saying that this is now under consideration, but then went on to say that women announcers at the B.B.C. were merely a war-time measure.

My information, from BBC sources, is somewhat different. In the first place, there were women announcers on the BBC before the war—Jean Metcalfe, Georgie Henschel, Elisabeth Cowell and Jasmine Bligh, to name some at random. As a matter of fact, there are two ex-BBC women announcers in Hong Kong today, one of whom occupied that position back in 1923, in the old ZLO days. Look through the BBC Staff List and you'll see that the ratio today is around 40-50, and even more in favour of the women in the Overseas services.

the Home services and by a Parliamentary Grant-in-Aid for the Overseas and European services.

The Postmaster-General at Home is titular head of the BBC, but that is all. The complaint here is that the Hong Kong PMG is not content to remain just the titular head—which was probably the role envisioned for him when broadcasting first started here.

Now for some questions put to the head of broadcasting in this Colony and his replies. I think the best way is to treat them on the lines of Question, Answer and Comment. So here goes with Question No. 1.

Question.—Why has the feature programme "Anniversary Half-Hour" been dropped?

Answer.—"The so-called 'Anniversary Half-Hour' was specially put on at Monica Jack's request as she had received many such requests in connection with her ordinary variety request hour. As she herself announced, she is now leaving the Colony."

Comment.—True, but only up to a point. It differs slightly from Monica Jack's version. Furthermore, the fact that Monica received "many such requests" would seem to indicate that this programme is popular with listeners. Had the PMG said the programme was dropped because he didn't like it, I might sympathise with him, as I didn't care for it myself. But many listeners did, and presumably do whether Monica is in the Colony or not. Monica was deservedly popular, but now she's gone it should not be impossible to carry on the programme with another woman announcer.

Q.—A recent newspaper poll showed that not only were the request programmes very popular but the general feeling was that there should be more of them. Is any attempt being made to meet this demand for more request programmes, or does the dropping of the above programme

Half-Hour"; Marion Glover's "Classical Request Programme"; and Lynn Frazer's "Variety Request Programme". For each of these little programmes, which involve quite a bit of work handling fan-mail, picking the records, working out the time schedule and thinking up something in the way of accompanying remarks, the "artist" gets the magnificent sum of \$15—making a weekly total of \$60 (or \$75 if the "Anniversary Half-Hour" is not dropped). Compare this with the sums paid to cory local dance bands: I don't like jazz or dance music (except to dance to), but my objection is to the high fees (sometimes as much as \$100) paid to these indifferent performers for completely missing what little music may exist in the works they play. Personally, I think the PMG's answer should have been on the lines of "I don't care for these request programmes; besides, they cost money."

Q.—Who are the members of the Broadcasting Committee and who appoints them? Have any of them any qualifications for the job?

A.—"The Broadcasting Committee is appointed by Government. Present members are as follows:—E. I. Wynne-Jones, Postmaster-General (Chairman ex officio); D. Keith Hardy, Programme Secretary ZBW; S. C. Lau, Chinese Secretary ZEK; Wing-Commander A. H. Murray MBE, Government PRO; and ex-Middle East Director for the BBC Father Ryan, SJ; T. R. Rowell, Director of Education; Rev. Clifford Davies, Director of Religious Broadcasts; R. P. Morris, Senior Wireless Engineer; R. C. Lee; Hon. T. N. Chau, CBE; T. O. Taylor, Dr. F. I. Treng; and J. A. Stericker."

C.—An imposing list of names, and with several good men who should know something about broadcasting in it. If it worked on democratic lines, we might get somewhere. But see the next question but one for the pay-off.

Q.—How often does the Broadcasting Committee meet?

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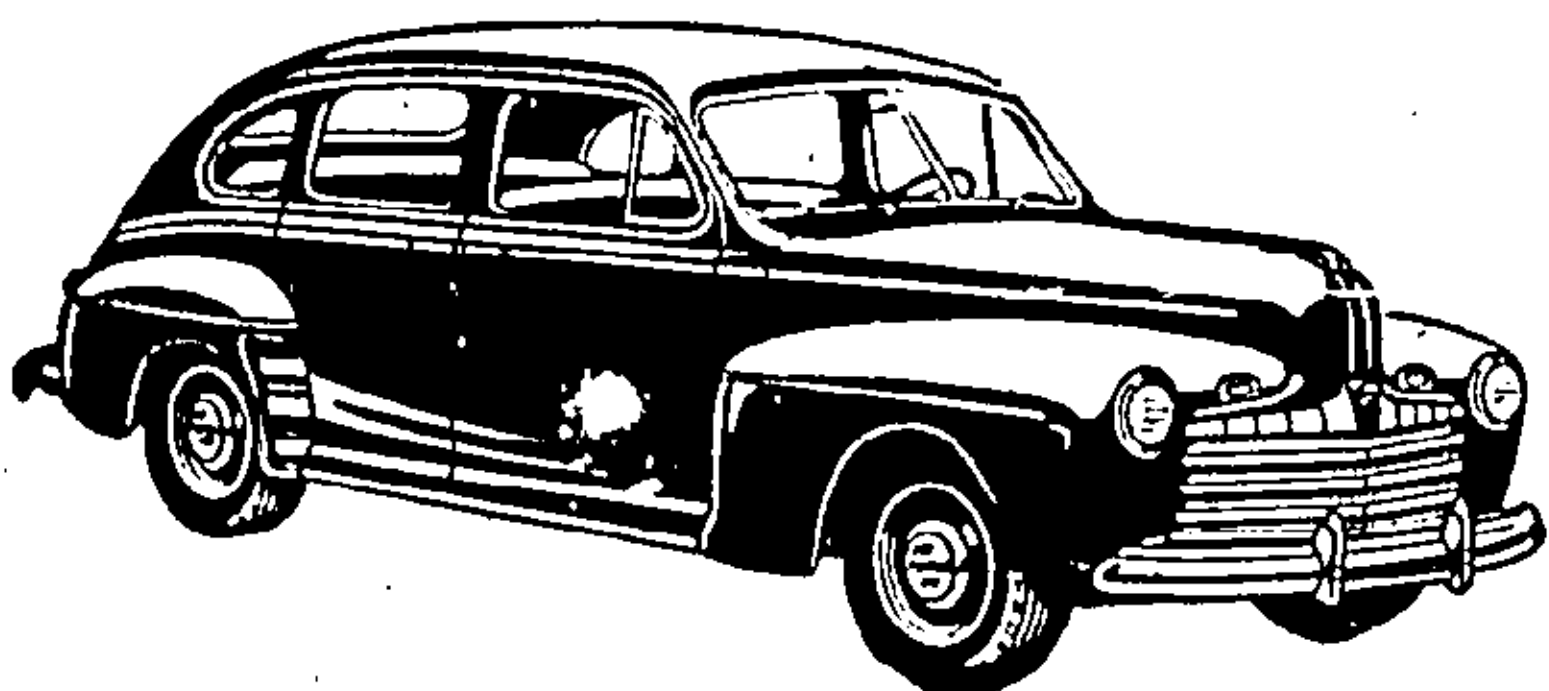
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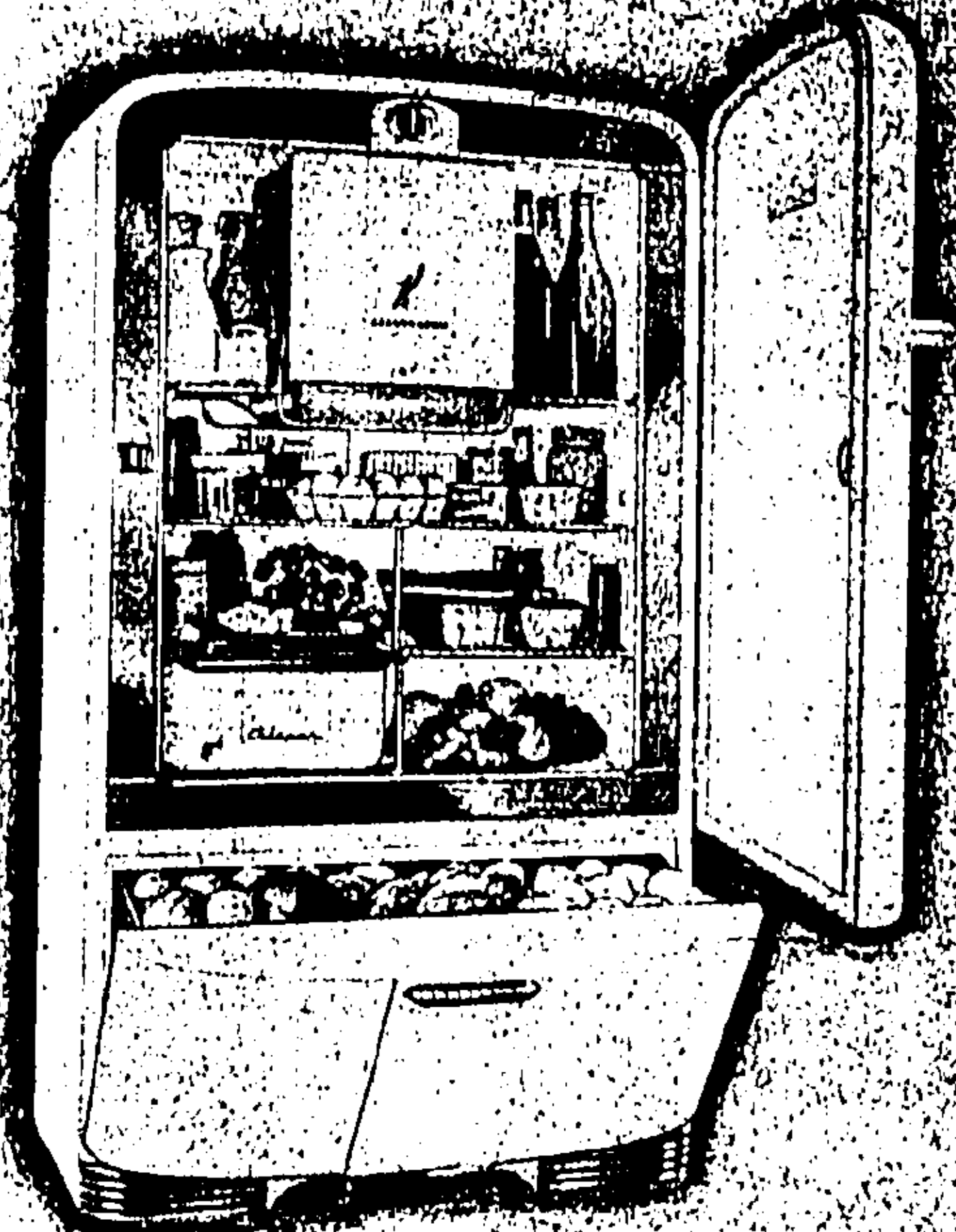
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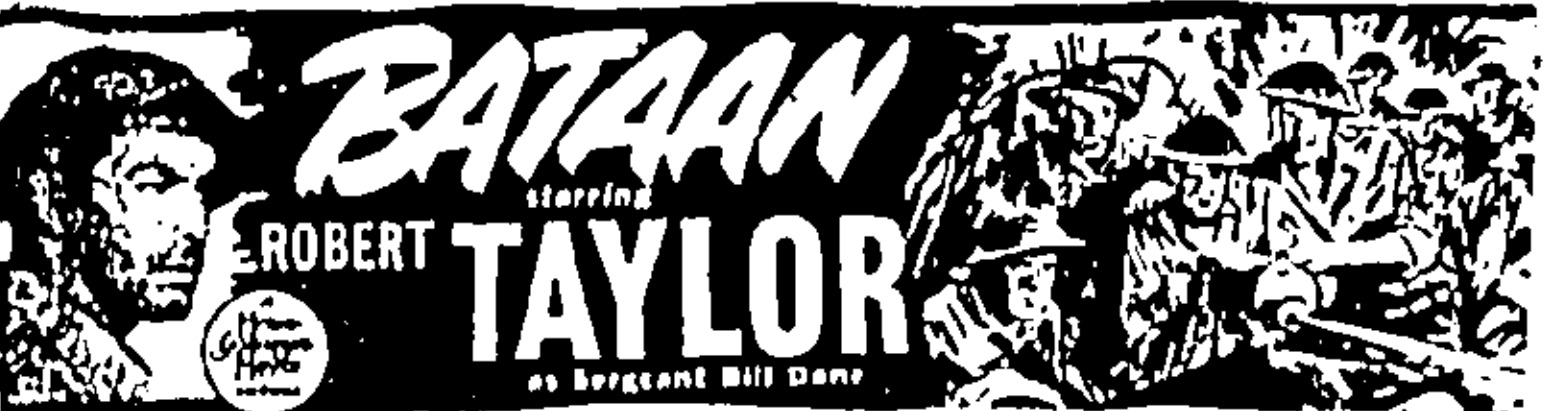
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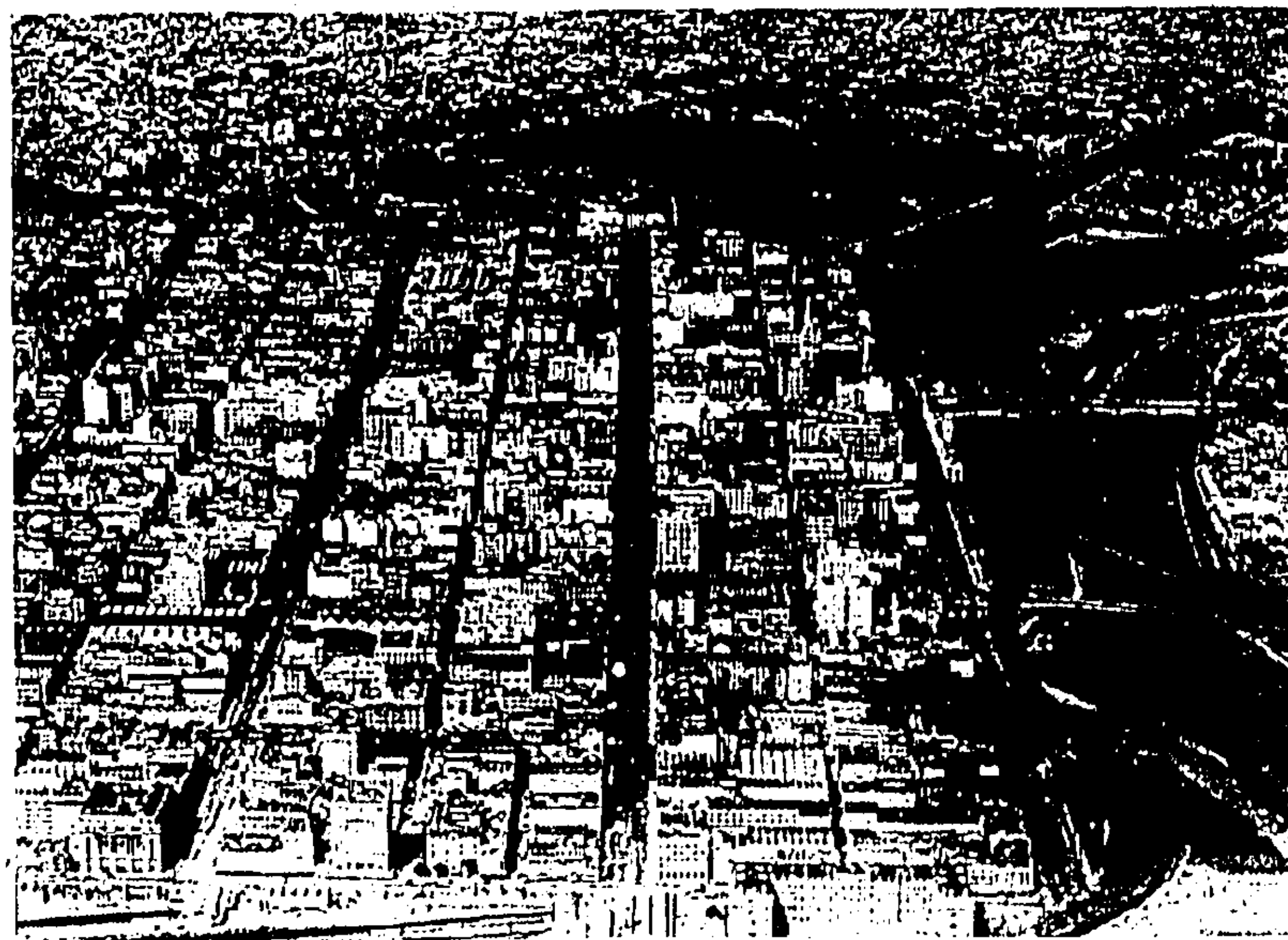
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The citizens of Melbourne are justly proud of their public gardens. Across Prince's Bridge, which spans the much maligned River Yarra near Flinders Street Railway Station, lie the delightful Alexandra Gardens. One can always see a fine display of flowers and shrubs there, no matter what time of year. These gardens join the more extensive Botanical Gardens in which lovely surroundings reside the State Governor. No visit to Melbourne is complete without exploring this little paradise.

Pleasant Break

Fitzroy Gardens, on the south eastern fringe of the city proper, provide a pleasant break for tired workers and shoppers. Lunch eaten amid such sylvan surroundings is more than a meal. The most unpleasant customer or an unsuccessful morning of bargain hunting are quickly forgotten when vivid lakes of flowers, or leafy cathedrals offer their charming distractions to the troubled mind. Here, in a tiny grove of poplars, rests the cottage of Captain Cook, discoverer of Australia. And here, also, one can see floral displays, in a specially constructed pavilion, of tropical orchids, ferns, and prize blooms of roses, gladioli, azaleas and all the lovely products of a garden-conscious city.

Of a Sunday crowds gather in these gardens to hear Band or Orchestral concerts, the practice having become with many a weekly rite. This is typical of Melbourneans who have always been conscious of their responsibility to music. Yearly competitions are held by several commercial organisations with scholarships in music supplemented by cash prizes for the winners. These competitions are followed and supported, enthusiastically by the public and many fine artists have been set on their path to success through

the combined generosity of sponsors and public. Dame Nellie Melba, acclaimed by many as the greatest soprano ever, is Melbourne's most famous contribution to music to date.

Racing

Horse racing enjoys a popularity in Australia equalled only by America, and Melbourne is undoubtedly the home of the sport in the "Land of the Southern Cross". Here the two most important races of the calendar are run, the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, the former at Caulfield and the latter at Flemington Racecourse. The Melbourne Cup is one of the world's classics and enjoyed for a period the premier position in richness of the prize. On the first Tuesday in November of each year, when the Melbourne Cup is run, the great majority of Australians stop work for those few vital minutes until the fate of the cup is decided.

Melbourne Cricket Ground, scene of so many Tests between the mother country and her husky infant, is a monument to the Australian love of sport. Close to 100,000 spectators can be seated in this huge arena. Most of the great names in cricket have appeared on the scoreboard of this fine oval.

Contrary to Sydney statements Melbourne has its beaches. These are certainly not to be compared with the former's swimming resorts but provide ample outlet for the city's swimming populace. Rosebud, Sorrento, Brighton and St. Kilda are all very pleasant and for surfers there is Lorne, outside the quiet waters of Port Phillip.

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There is an amusing rivalry between Sydney and Melbourne which must keep the City Fathers of both places on their toes. Every improvement made by one is, in time, battered by the other. If one tactlessly praises a feature of Sydney to a Melbournean he will be treated to a long discourse on the

America In Grip Of Severe Cold Wave

Chicago, Jan. 17.
Icy mile-a-minute gales whipped the winter's most severe cold wave across the nation today, disrupting industry and transportation and increasing the hardships of a hundred shivering families in fuel-short communities.

The biting cold, extending even to the deep South, caused a sharp increase in fires and hampered firemen.

At least 12 persons died in fires caused by overheated stoves. Three other persons froze to death.

The cold is expected to continue through Sunday. Hundreds of thousands were idle as plants closed because it was too cold to work or because their fuel and natural gas supplies were curtailed so that there would be enough to heat homes.

A hospital in Macon, Georgia, appealed to the families of patients to bring extra blankets. Schools closed in Miami, Florida.

Florida fruit growers were hampered by the fuel shortage in using smudge pots in an attempt to ward off the frost and protect the hundred-million-dollar citrus crop.

Meanwhile, Southern California, wrested from the desert by irriga-

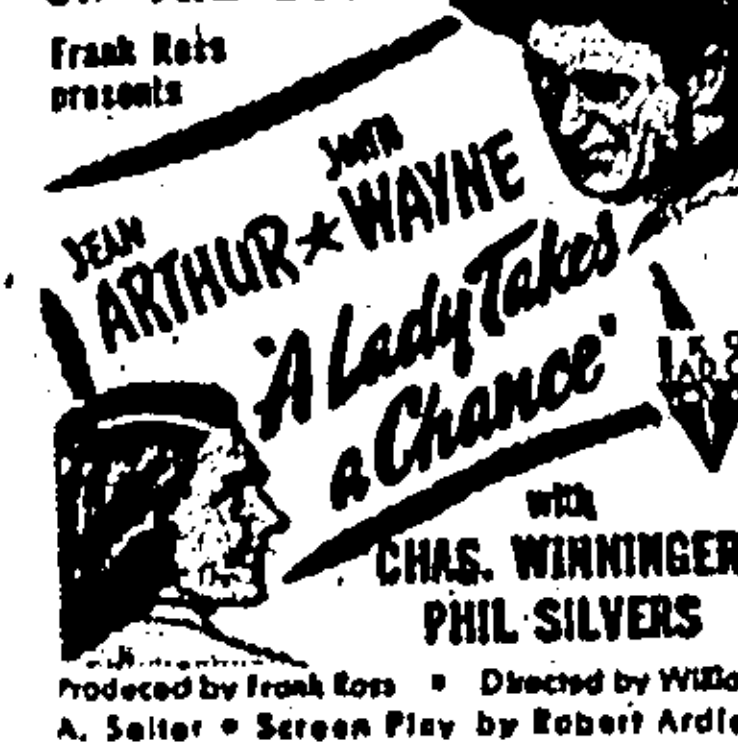
N.Z. QUAKE

Auckland, Jan. 17.
A sharp earthquake shock was felt in Wanganui, New Zealand, today.

Some plate glass windows in shops cracked and bottles and other articles were shaken from shelves. There had been other tremors earlier in the week. The shock was reported at the same time from New Plymouth, Farewell Spit, Nelson and Wellington.—Associated Press.

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ROYALTY'S CLAIM REJECTED

German Effort To Obtain Compensation Alleged Looting By British

Berlin, Jan. 17. Claims by the German noble houses of Holstein, Mecklenburg and Schaumburg-Lippe, for compensation for alleged looting of their jewellery by British troops in May, 1945, have been rejected.

This decision has been made by the Claims Branch of the British Control Commission, it is learned today.

Members of the families advanced their claims originally in letters to the British Royal family. They have been informed that, since the losses occurred before Aug. 1, 1945, they cannot receive compensation from the Control Commission.

Their cases must await the establishment of a German war claims authority. At present no such authority exists.

The allegations of looting were made against the troops of the Cheshire Regiment, commanded by a major. The men searched the castle at Glücksburg, on the Danish frontier, in a hunt for Hitler and Speer.

"Boxes Broken Open"

It was alleged that the occupants of the castle were forced by troops with tommyguns to assemble in the castle courtyard. Jewel boxes and furniture were broken open and their contents removed to the castle.

Among those in the castle at the time were the Duke of Schleswig-Holstein, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg (who died six months later), the Grand Duchess Alexandra of Mecklenburg, who is a Princess of the United Kingdom; Christian, Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe, and his wife, who is Princess Feodora of Denmark and a cousin of King George VI.

Princess Feodora forwarded an account of the incident to Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery through the Queen of Denmark and Queen Mary in June, 1946.

"English Princess"

The Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg described herself in another letter to Field-Marshal Montgomery as "a Royal English princess." She claimed compensation of £25,000 and the refund of 10,000 Reichsmarks in cash missing from a wardrobe.

On July 17, 1946, Maj.-Gen. N. C. D. Brownjohn, now Deputy Military Governor of the British zone, declined responsibility for the alleged thefts on behalf of H.Q., the British Army of the Rhine. A further inquiry was then made by Chief Insp. Tom Hayward, formerly of Scotland Yard.

The official attitude to the case is that the incident occurred at a period of extreme confusion. The matter is regretted, but it is not felt that anything further can be done.—Our Own Correspondent.

CONVICTS CAN STAND

Colombo, Jan. 17. The Ceylon House of Representatives today carried without division, a motion expressing dissatisfaction with an order prohibiting political convicts from contesting the elections to Parliament for seven years, and recommended that the order be "suitably amended."

Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the Prime Minister, accepted the motion on the Government's behalf and assured the House that a select committee would be appointed as early as possible to consider all anomalies in the constitution.—Reuter.

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Turkish Frontier Reports

ANKARA, JAN. 17. SEVERE MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST TURKS OF BULGARIAN NATIONALITY LIVING IN BULGARIA, ACCORDING TO TURKISH REPORTS FROM SOFIA CIRCULATING HERE TODAY.

The Bulgarian Government was reported to have compelled Turks living near the Greek-Bulgarian border to settle in Northern Bulgaria.

The reports said 1,500 Turks had been seen to the mines at Pernik and interned in labour camps and the displacement of Turkish minorities northward was "going on systematically."

Some Turkish papers interpreted the reported movements of Turks from the border area as a prelude to the massing of Bulgarian troops along the border and urged the Turkish Government to be "watchful."

Unofficial circles were today discussing a possibility of the Turkish Government's taking diplomatic steps or appealing to the United Nations.—Reuter.

RED MAYORS GET THE BOOT

Paris, Jan. 17. The Communist Mayors of two Paris districts were ousted today by the Ministry of the Interior because of the Mayors' "hostility to the Republican institution."

Officials said it was the first time a democratic French government had ever ousted the Mayor of a Paris arrondissement and it reflected the stiffening attitude of Premier Robert Schuman's Government toward the Communist Party.

Paris is divided into 20 districts, each governed by a Mayor and two Councillors.—United Press.

LAWYERS WALK OUT

Hamburg, Jan. 17. Seven defence counsel, who walked out of Nuremberg Court today in protest against an observation by the judge trying 12 Krupp doctors, were arrested later for contempt of court.

The chief judge, Justice Edward Daly, told Dr. Alfred Schille, one of the counsel, to stop discussing a particular point and return to his seat, otherwise he would be compelled to have him removed. After this the seven counsel walked out.—Reuter.

Derek Got Reward

LONDON, JAN. 17. FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD DEREK JOHN SPINKS OF PINSBURY PARK WALKED INTO HIGH BURY HALF POLICE STATION AND WAS HANDED 58 ONE-POUND NOTES.

It happened because last October Derek was collecting "pennies for a war" outside Pinsbury Park. He found a wind of 63 one-pound notes and took them to the police station.

As there was no claimant within three months the money became his, less five pounds for police charities.

Derek at once bought three hundredweight of coal each for his mother and grandmother and a bicycle for himself.

The rest of the money is being banked.—Reuter.

Uranium Find In South Africa

Capetown, Jan. 17. Considerable uranium resources have been discovered in South Africa, the Union Governor-General, Major Brand Van Der Byl, disclosed today in his speech from the Throne when Parliament opened here.

These discoveries would "call for close Government control of the exploitation and disposal of this potentially dangerous commodity, and a bill for this purpose will be submitted to you," he said.

Sole right to prospect for uranium or thorium, elements vital in atomic power development, in South Africa was vested in the State in October 1945.

Discovery of deposits must be reported to the State, and contravention of the regulations is punishable by a £1,500 fine with seven years' hard labour.

Reports were current early last year that uranium deposits had been found, but the Union Government maintained strict secrecy in the matter.

A prospector in the Tete district of Portuguese East Africa through which the river Zambezi runs, was informed by the Mace-quece Assay Department last October that a mineral he had submitted for testing contained uranium and thorium.—Reuter.

INSPECTOR FELL FOR HER LEGS

Paris, Jan. 17.

Major Rene Bazeynerie, Inspector of Industrial Production for the French Government, walked into a restaurant and saw the legs of Mlle. Henriette Thierry.

"They were of such a slenderness and beauty that I can only liken them to the legs of Marlene Dietrich in the film 'The Blue Angel,'" said the major in an alleged confession to Mlle. Thierry's murder.

"I fell in love with Henriette's legs. I sent a message over to her. It was the beginning of my tragedy."

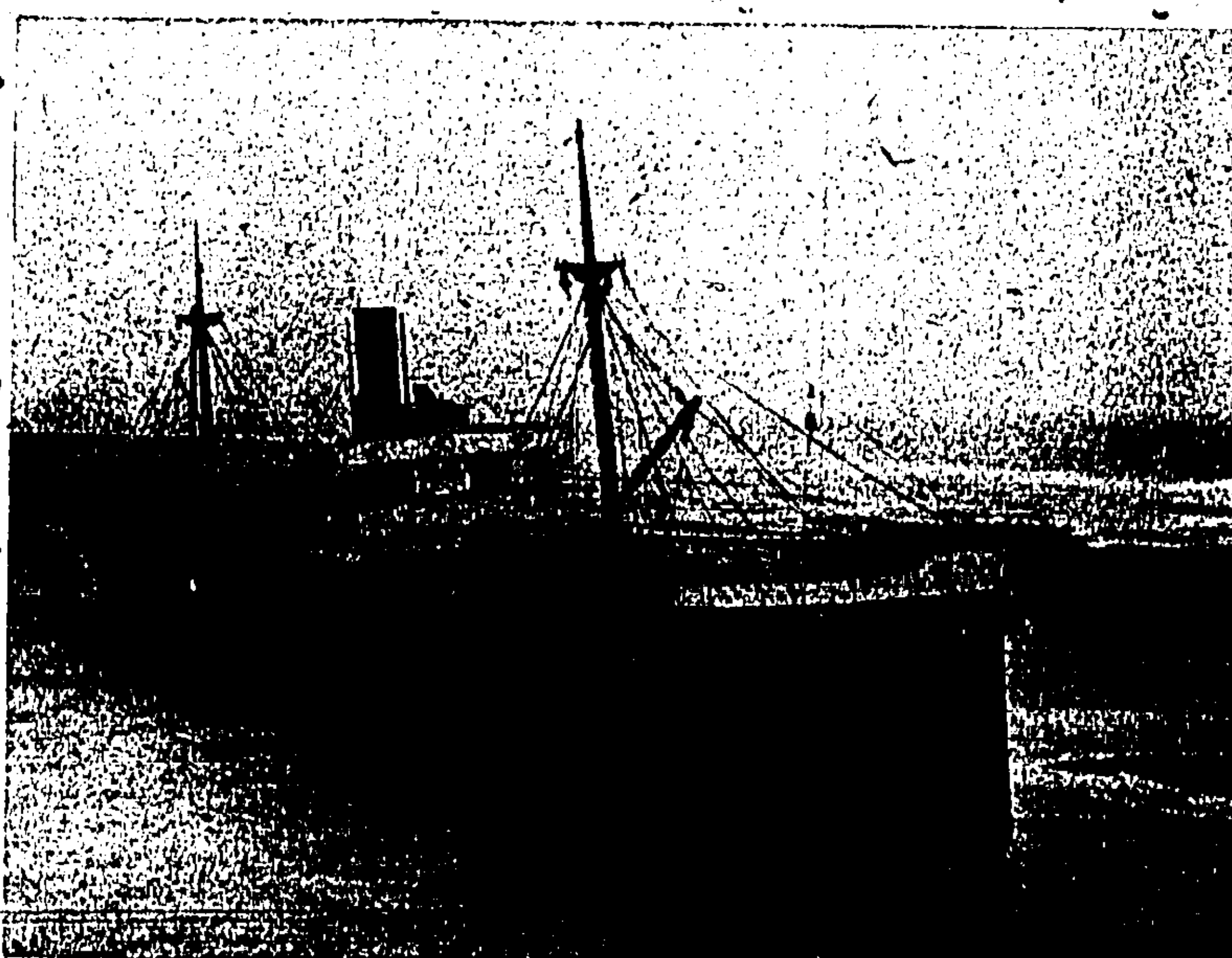
"For months, despite the difference in our ages (he was 53, she 27), we were deliciously happy."

"Then I found Henriette was the 'queen' of a gang of black marketeers. She borrowed from me to finance the gang's rackets. When I told her I was virtually penniless, she left me, saying 'Our love affair is ended.' I killed her with five pistol shots."—Our Own Correspondent.

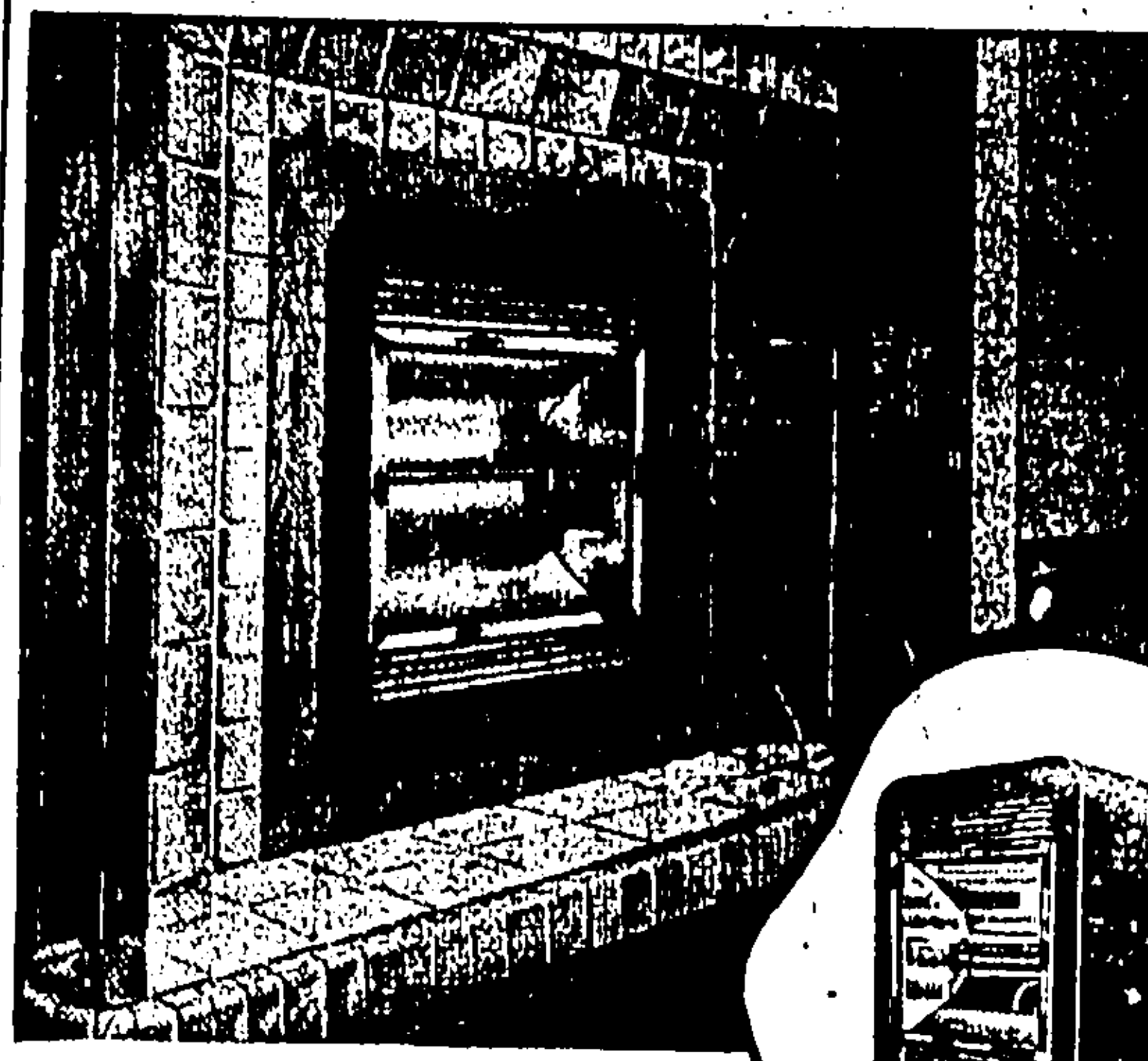
HEINKEL'S TRIAL

Bavaria, Jan. 17. Dr. Ernst Heinkel, 62-year old German aircraft manufacturer and designer of the Heinkel bomber, will stand trial in February accused as a major offender, before the denazification court here.—Reuter.

Stuck Fast On Goodwins



This aerial picture taken at midday on Jan. 6 shows the 2,327-ton Italian steamer "Sirolo" stuck on the eastern edge of the Goodwin Sands, off the southeast coast of England. At right of picture can be seen ridge of sand. The vessel, bound for Rotterdam with a cargo of lead ore, went aground on the afternoon of Jan. 3. Attempts to refloat the vessel have been unsuccessful. (AP Photo)



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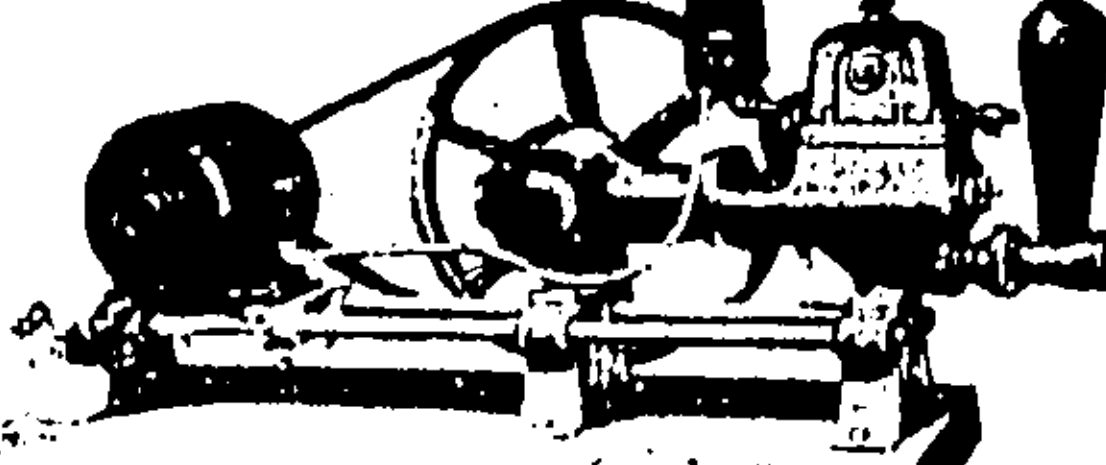
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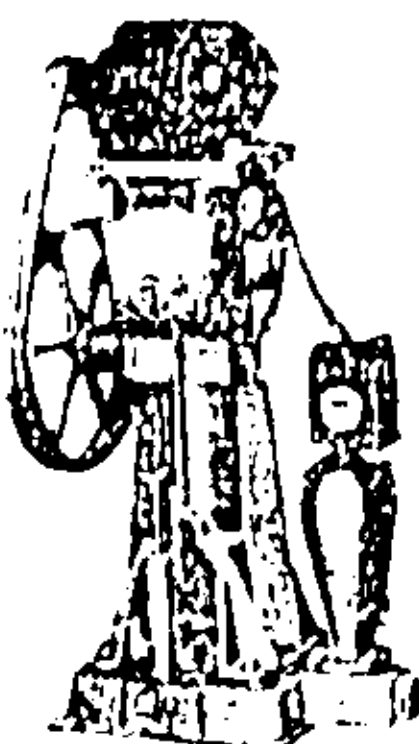
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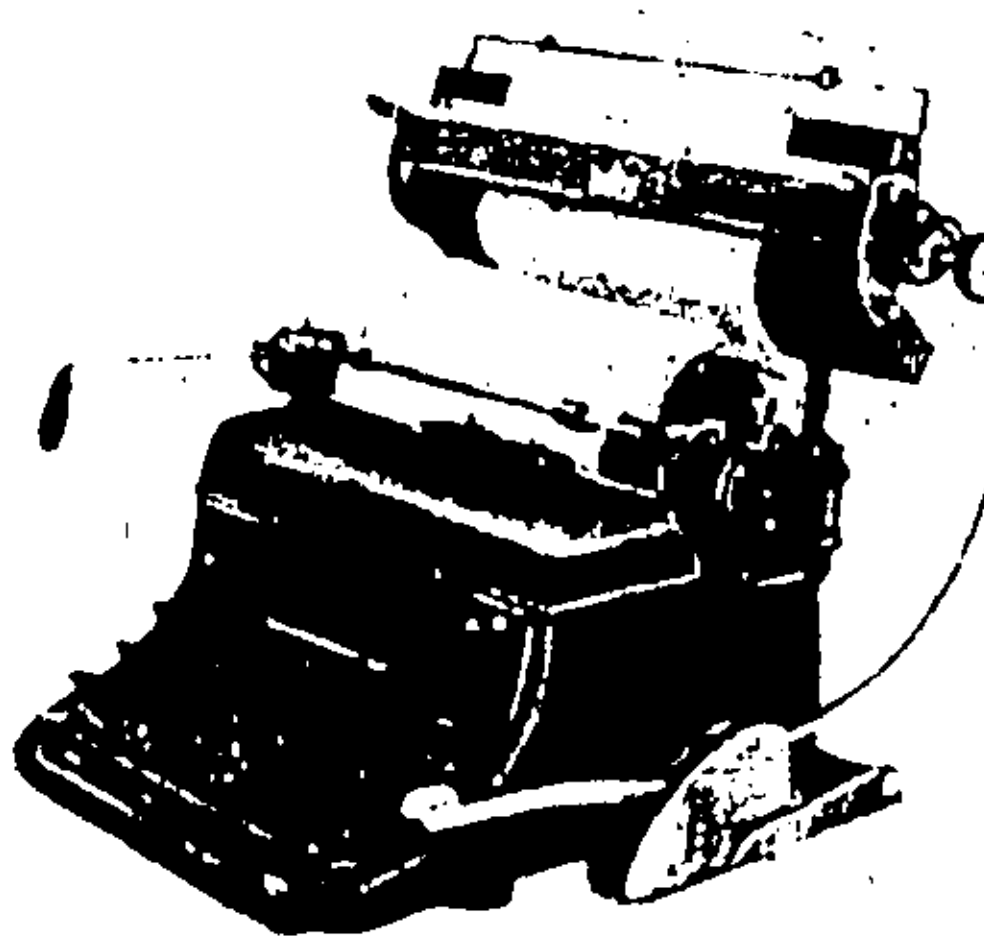
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MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

By Atticus

Mr. Eden is at present busy on his visit to the Middle East. He hopes to spend two days in Baghdad before reaching Teheran, where his main holiday task will be to inspect the Anglo-Iranian oilfields. Time presses on his heels, for he has to be back for the reopening of Parliament on January 20.

Nevertheless, he has received an invitation to visit King Ibn Saud of Arabia and intends to accept it. When, in February, 1944, with Mr. Churchill, he was received by the Arabian King, the two British statesmen, fresh from the Yalta Conference, were welcomed with great ceremony. Oriental custom demanded an exchange of gifts, and for King Ibn Saud, who neither drinks nor smokes, the Englishmen had brought gifts of precious scent, a concentration of essence of musk, minna and jasmine. In return they received chased gold and jewelled daggers.

So far all went well. There is a commendable rule that British Ministers and diplomats shall receive no more valuable gifts than those they give. According to their calculations the jewelled daggers were not more costly than the French perfumes which they had bestowed on the King. Complications occurred when on their departure they received gifts of clothes and jewels for Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Eden. The balance was thus upset, but was restored by a gift of a Rolls-Royce to the King.

A Christmas Memory

Mr. Churchill's passion for travel asserts itself at Christmas time and was never more so than during the Christmas of 1944 when, without a word of warning to his colleagues, he set out for Athens. Sir Reginald Leeper, then our Ambassador, had produced a new strong man in Mr. Damaskinos, the Greek Metropolitan, and Mr. Churchill, harassed by some members of his Cabinet, was determined to have a look at the Greek *deus ex machina*.

He arrived in Athens on Christmas Eve, made his headquarters on a British cruiser and summoned the Metropolitan to join him. That evening the ratings were celebrating Christmas with a fancy dress ball. Calcutta's Great Eastern Hotel, on the way passing through streets shocking in their squalor and trembling with an assortment of poorly clad and undernourished natives.

Before reaching the centre of the city, our vehicle's progress was occasionally prevented by cowboys (India's sacred animal) which lumbered in the road and moved on hurriedly out of our path only after incessant hoots had been delivered from the horns. Interested passengers who were seeing for the first time India's largest city, gasped as they saw the many filthy huts lining the sides of the roads which provide the dwelling places of hundreds of the city's poor. However, New Year's Day in a big way and the holiday spirit prevailed over the whole city. Nearly all the shops and business offices were closed and the people were taking advantage of this by congregating in the streets, houses and hotels.

Typhoon Devastates Island

PEARL HARBOR, JAN. 17.

A TYPHOON WHICH STRUCK YAP ON WEDNESDAY MORNING DEVASTATED THAT SMALL ISLAND AND DESTROYED ALL FOOD EXCEPT TARO ROOTS FOR ITS 3,000 INHABITANTS, INCLUDING 56 U. S. NAVY PERSONNEL. NAVAL HEADQUARTERS REPORTED TODAY.

There were no known casualties. Planes took off with relief supplies from Guam, some 500 miles northeast of Yap, but have not yet reported back.

The typhoon, third to strike Yap in two months, flattened power lines, and damaged or blew down every building on the island, the Navy said. Associated Press.

telegraph announcing that the Metropolitan Damaskinos had been appointed Regent of Greece. As the recipient of the telegram announced the news to his colleagues, a brilliant junior commented cynically: "Ah, I suppose, as a result of the underground movement."

Foreign Office Changes

As a result of the appointment of Sir Oliver Harvey to be British Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Ivone Kirkpatrick has been transferred from his post as Assistant Under-Secretary in charge of all the information services to that of Assistant Under-Secretary in charge of the German and Western European Department—functions hitherto exercised by Sir Oliver Harvey.

During the war Mr. Kirkpatrick, as Controller of the European Service of the B.B.C. and Deputy Director-General of the Political Warfare Executive, made a reputation for himself by his administrative ability, his readiness to assume responsibility, and his contempt for a tape. He is an expert on Germany and a brilliant raconteur.

As head of the Information Services he will be succeeded by Mr. Christopher Warner, hitherto superintending Assistant Under-Secretary of the Northern and Southern Departments to whom we owe the in-

troductory of the invaluable B.B.C. broadcasts in foreign languages. Both Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Warner served in the first world war and entered the Foreign Office by selection. Their success is a triumph in the hand of those who disbelieve in competitive examinations.

Unlucky Hun

In 1940, Air Vice-Marshal Henderson, now Director-General of the Overseas League, was in charge of our fighters in the North of Scotland with headquarters at Inverness. On Christmas Day he received a message from the Navy that a German bomber was on its way to Scapa Flow, where the Home Fleet was lying.

His resources were severely limited. The weather was appalling, and visibility only a few yards. Nevertheless, he sent off two fighters in American machines. The machines were good enough for the times, but could not remain long in the air, and their guns had an unfortunate tendency to jam.

The first plane saw nothing, exhausted its petrol and came down. The second plane followed the same course and was just about to land when in a small break in the clouds it saw the German. It fired three rounds, then its guns jammed. Still with disappointment, the pilot landed on the aerodrome four miles from Scapa. There on the ground he saw the wreck of the German plane.

In a long experience of flying in two wars, the Air Vice-Marshal considers that German the unluckiest Hun that he has ever known.

King Edward's Embassy

For the excellent relations which we enjoy today with Norway we owe very much to our Ambassador, Sir Laurence Collier.

He has one advantage over all his diplomatic colleagues. He has the finest British Embassy in the world and he owes it to King Edward VII. The house, which commands a superb view of the sea approaches to Oslo, was not built by the British Government. It was the creation of a Swiss banker who became the richest man in Norway. In it he entertained King Edward when he was Prince of Wales and Norway was still part of Sweden.

In 1905 Norway secured her independence, and the then Prince Charles of Denmark, who had married King Edward's daughter, Maud, became King Håkon. With that quick eye for business which was his greatest asset, King Edward sent a message to the Foreign Office: "If you want a decent Legation in Oslo, buy this house." The time was favourable. The Swiss banker was dead. The next owner was in financial difficulties. And for once the Foreign Office was able to make a quick and profitable bargain.

HOMEWARDS BY AIR

By Margaret Bradbury

long flowing robes complete with Arab head-dress.

Our short stay at Bahrain had been all too short, but the flying boat was due to leave and so we climbed in and began the next stage of our journey to Cairo. Upon leaving Bahrain, British officials instructed the two British army officers who were on board the aircraft to remove their uniforms as, on an order of the Egyptian Government no British military personnel are now allowed to pass through Egypt's cities in uniform. The officials explained that the British uniform is not popular in that country today.

We arrived in Cairo in the late afternoon, and drove immediately to Shepheard's. The world famous hotel was a scene of bustling activity. Men and women of all nationalities (except perhaps Japanese) were to be seen sipping coffee in its lounge and walking in and out of its large revolving doors. The small tables on the verandah outside were deserted, however, as Cairo was in the middle of its winter climate. A 70 mph gale had struck the Egyptian northern coast on the previous night and local air services had been temporarily suspended owing to the dust storms caused by the gale. As a result, our coats were the order of the day for women, while the men wore heavy overcoats and mufflers.

Fur Display

The interior of the hotel resembled a huge fur salon. Silver foxes and mink, dark red foxes and beaver were in abundance and the New Look was worn by at least 90 per cent of those present. Coming from Hong Kong, where ready-made clothes are apt to be months behind the standards of the London, Paris and New York couturiers, I was more than impressed with the luxurious creations which are now emerging from the world's fashion salons.

The general political feeling in Cairo today is extremely nationalistic. The Egyptian people are ready to be explained perhaps by an Egyptian Member of Parliament who said: "Egypt is not unfriendly towards Britain, she merely does not want foreign troops in her cities. The sight of a British uniform in the streets sends the people to acts of violence." I couldn't help remarking that this situation would be extraordinary indeed if it occurred in Britain and was perpetuated on

Egyptian soldiers. But then I don't ever remember seeing any Egyptian troops except in the Victory Parade. Leaving Cairo early the following morning, we embarked for Augusta on the coast of Sicily, and 1047 miles west of Cairo. Weather conditions, which at this time of the year are not always favourable in that area, proved excellent and our craft touched down at the Augusta marine base early that afternoon.

Seen from the air, Sicily is a beautiful country with its fertile green countryside dotted with valleys, with its metallic blue sky and sea of deeper blue and the white puffs of clouds circling around the summit of Mount Etna. The volcanic mountain is a 100 miles round and at 50 or 60 miles range its snowy slopes have the shape and grace of Fujiama.

Sleepy Air

In the port of Augusta, all was peaceful and quiet. Its magnificent double harbour—big enough and deep enough to hold the Grand Fleet, was a shining blue under the sun's afternoon rays. Augusta is no more than a hundred miles from Malta, and in 1936 Mussolini began to fortify the harbour with a view to future aggression. It was to Augusta harbour that the Italian fleet fled for shelter. When we invaded Southern Europe, Augusta harbour was the meeting point for invasion convoys due to be launched against the Italian mainland.

But no signs of war, or the Italian fleet remained to be seen, and the little town had the air of having been asleep for hundreds of years, with no thought of violence, even having been planned and negotiated so carefully around its quiet harbour.

According to the authorities in Augusta, owing to our aircraft having passed through cholera infected areas en route from Hong Kong, no passengers were allowed to walk outside the Marine Base air hotel and its surrounding area. This seems to be rather a severe rule considering that if any passenger had been a cholera bearer the infection would have been relayed from the local hotel staff in no time. Obviously officialdom was not revealing all the facts, which is rather a habit with them.

The Speedbird passengers left Augusta at 5 am the following morning and headed for the last lap of the journey to Poole, England, the south coast of England. We were due to arrive there at mid-day but the weather, which had been so lenient for over the last nine thousand miles, decided to take a hand, and after running into the fringes of a storm about fifty miles inland from the south coast of France, the pilot of "Poole" turned the craft round and landed at Marseilles.

Three Judges Walk Out Of Court

Washington, Jan. 17.

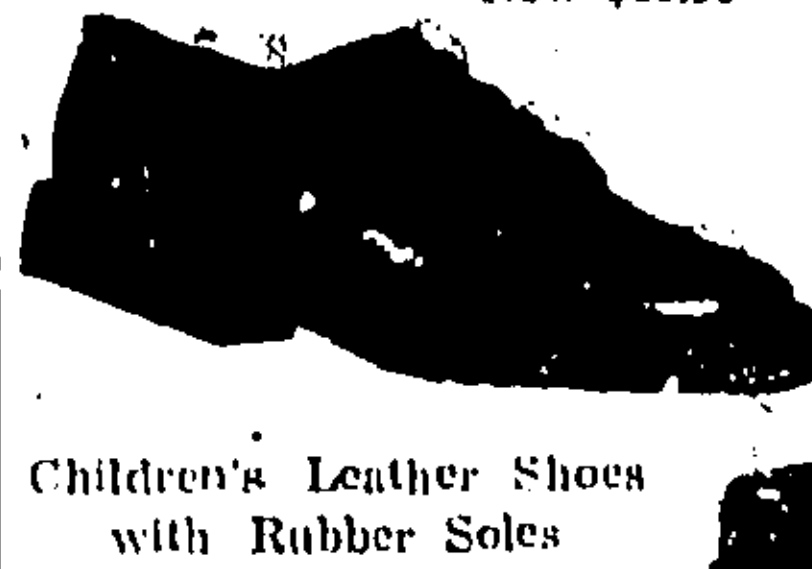
Three of the nine judges in the Supreme Court walked out of the hearing which continued here today of an appeal against a lower court's decision preventing Negroes from using houses which they had bought in Detroit, St. Louis and Washington.

The appeal was brought by the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People and was part of a 20-year legal battle to test the legality of Governmental enforcement of restrictive covenants on residential property. Justices Wiley B. Rutledge, Stanley F. Reed and Robert H. Jackson disavowed themselves from hearing the suit, but gave no reason for doing so when they left the bench.

Each judge is entitled to make his own decision, whether he should take part in the hearing or not. The three judges who walked out of the hearing were the only ones to do so. The lower courts.—Reuter.

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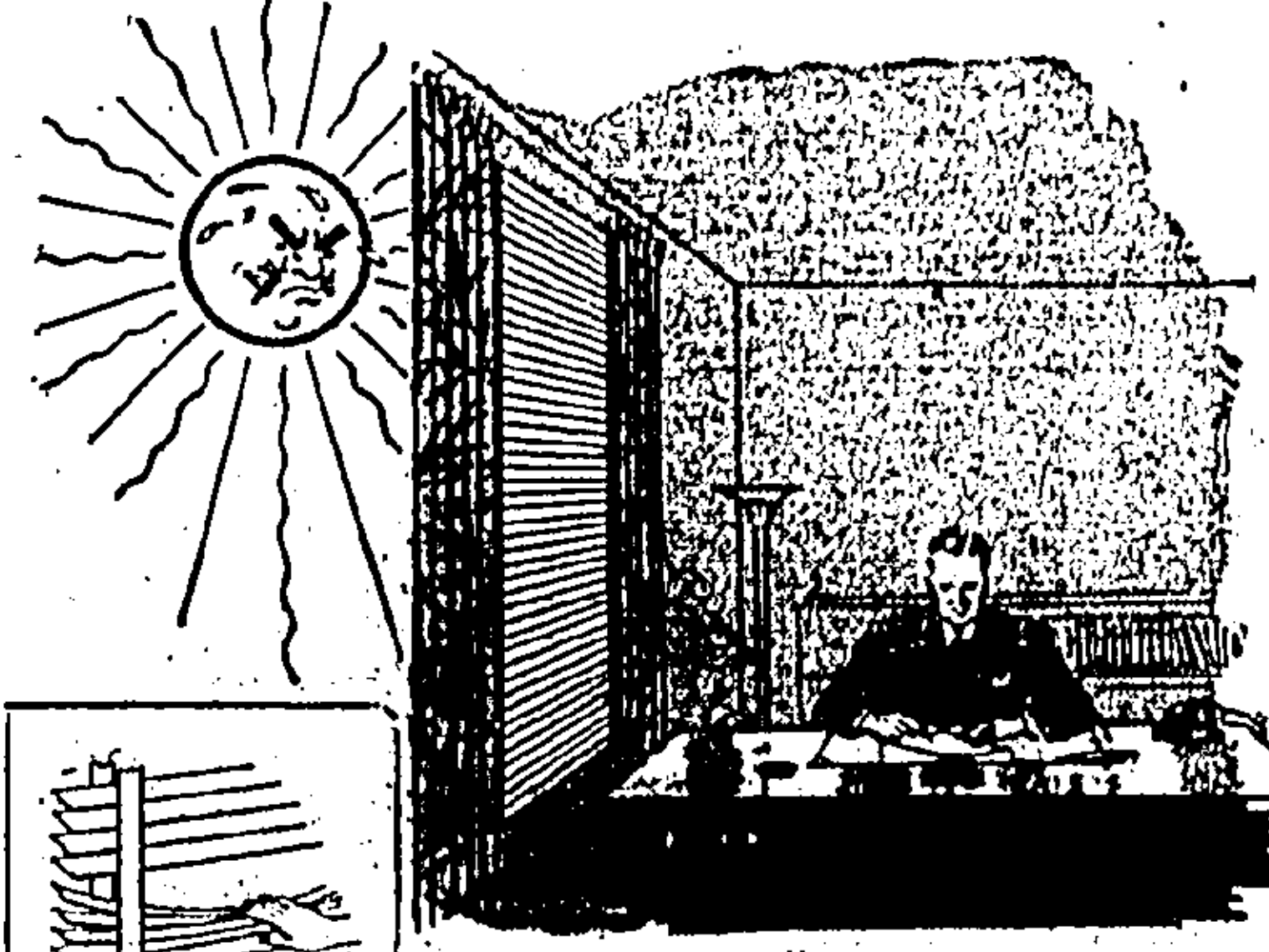
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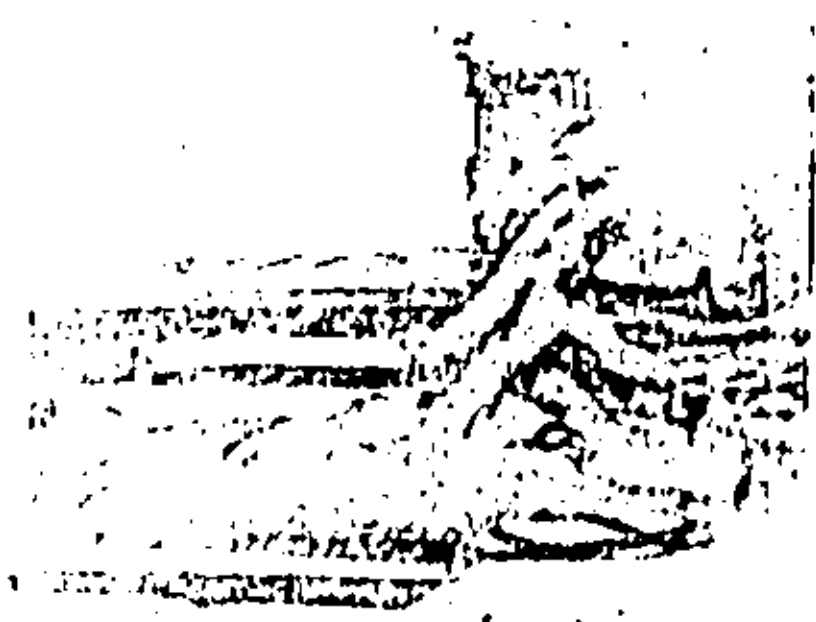


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REDS HARASS TRADE UNIONS FIRM ACTION BY T.U.C. LIKELY

London, Jan. 17. Increasing Communist influence in the trade union movement will be considered shortly by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, and there appears to be no doubt that firm combative action will be taken. The Council itself is not free from Communist representation and influence, but it is a minority influence. How long it may remain so, if Communist infiltration of the trade union movement continues, is a question that troubles many union leaders.

CHINA TO TRY RATIONING

Nanking, Jan. 17. A ration and coupon system covering essential foodstuffs will be instituted by China's major cities, including Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping, Tientsin, according to a decision of the National Economic Council after a day-long session held at the Executive Yuan yesterday.

The new measure was taken as a means of stabilizing the people's livelihood by effecting a more equitable distribution of foodstuffs. The official release said: "For this purpose, the Government has proposed to issue ration coupons to all citizens. Supplies will be distributed under the rationing system, and the United States will provide technical assistance."—Reuter AP.

General Commits Suicide

Beiping, Jan. 17. General Lin Yingxiang, Commander of the Third Army, formally committed suicide after his troops scored a major victory at Taihang three days ago in which they left a three-mile radius behind with Communist dead.

The general's death was announced today by the National Government. It was reported that the general had been shot by his own troops after a long and hard fight. The general's death was a great loss to the National Government.

Soviet "No" In Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 17. The Soviet Union has refused to agree to British and American suggestions that inter-allied inspection teams, appointed to check on former German armaments, should be allowed a free hand to inspect any plant at any time.

The Russian disagreement came at a meeting in Berlin of the Allied four-power coordinating committee last night. The Russian representative refused to support the suggestion because, he said, he felt the success of the inspection team depended on their being properly planned.

The meeting, which dragged on so long that only half the agenda was dealt with, was understood to have been no different in essentials from similar meetings in the past. No hint was given by Russian representatives of what action would be taken by the Russian Military Governor, Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, at the Allied Control Council meeting to be held on Tuesday.—Reuter.

TASK FORCE 38 COMING HERE

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 17. Task Force 38, consisting of the carrier Valley Forge, four destroyers and a tanker, left today on a cruise to Sydney, Hong Kong, Manila, Yokosuka and Guam. Associated Press.

The recent warning statement on Communism sent by Mr. Morrison, Secretary of the Labour Party, to affiliated organizations is regarded as insufficient. It must be backed by a sustained campaign against Communism in the Labour movement. This is essentially a concern of the T.U.C., which has had the matter in mind for some time, though without good ring it formerly.

It is rather surprising that, according to my information, the Labour Party organization did not consult the T.U.C. Council, as such, before issuing its own statement of war on the Communists, a fact which might take combative action.

No Extremism

The great majority of trade union leaders, especially those of the T.U.C., have experience in the handling of Communist activities. They are alive to the danger, and in the past have taken action to deal with it. They are not extremists, and local branches of the T.U.C. are not extremists. They are simply trying to do their duty as trade unionists.

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Good News From Food Front

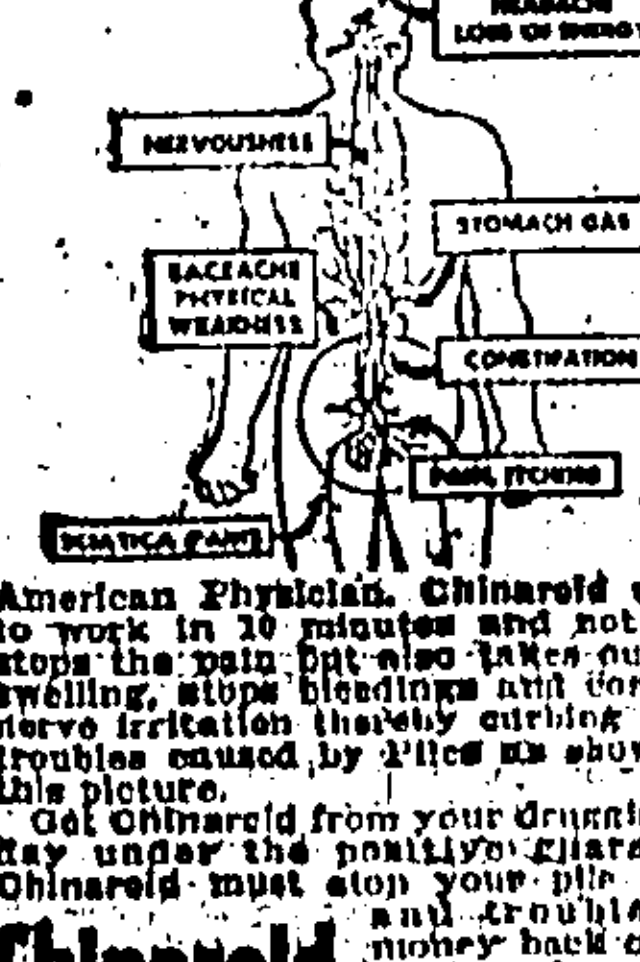
London, Jan. 17. Bumper wheat crops this year with prospects of a cut in United States prices were predicted today by British reports. The New Chronicle said a "marked improvement" in the world's wheat situation had taken place in the last few weeks.

The newspaper said the Australian harvest exceeded expectations with an increase of 30,000,000 bushels to 400,000,000 bushels over the September estimate. Argentina's wheat crop is now estimated at 250,000,000 to 255,000,000 bushels, an advance of some 60,000,000 bushels on the previous estimate.

The total addition to the world's wheat supply this year may be some 5,500,000 tons, the paper said. It may help to bring down the American price of wheat and other grains and so return the terms of trade back to their "normal" level, it said.—United Press.

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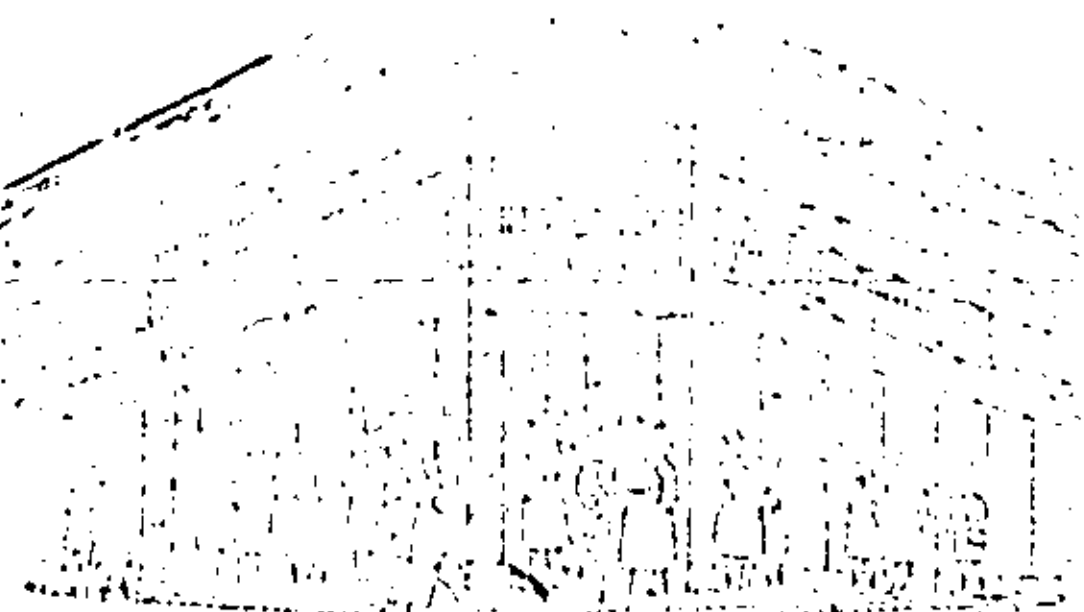


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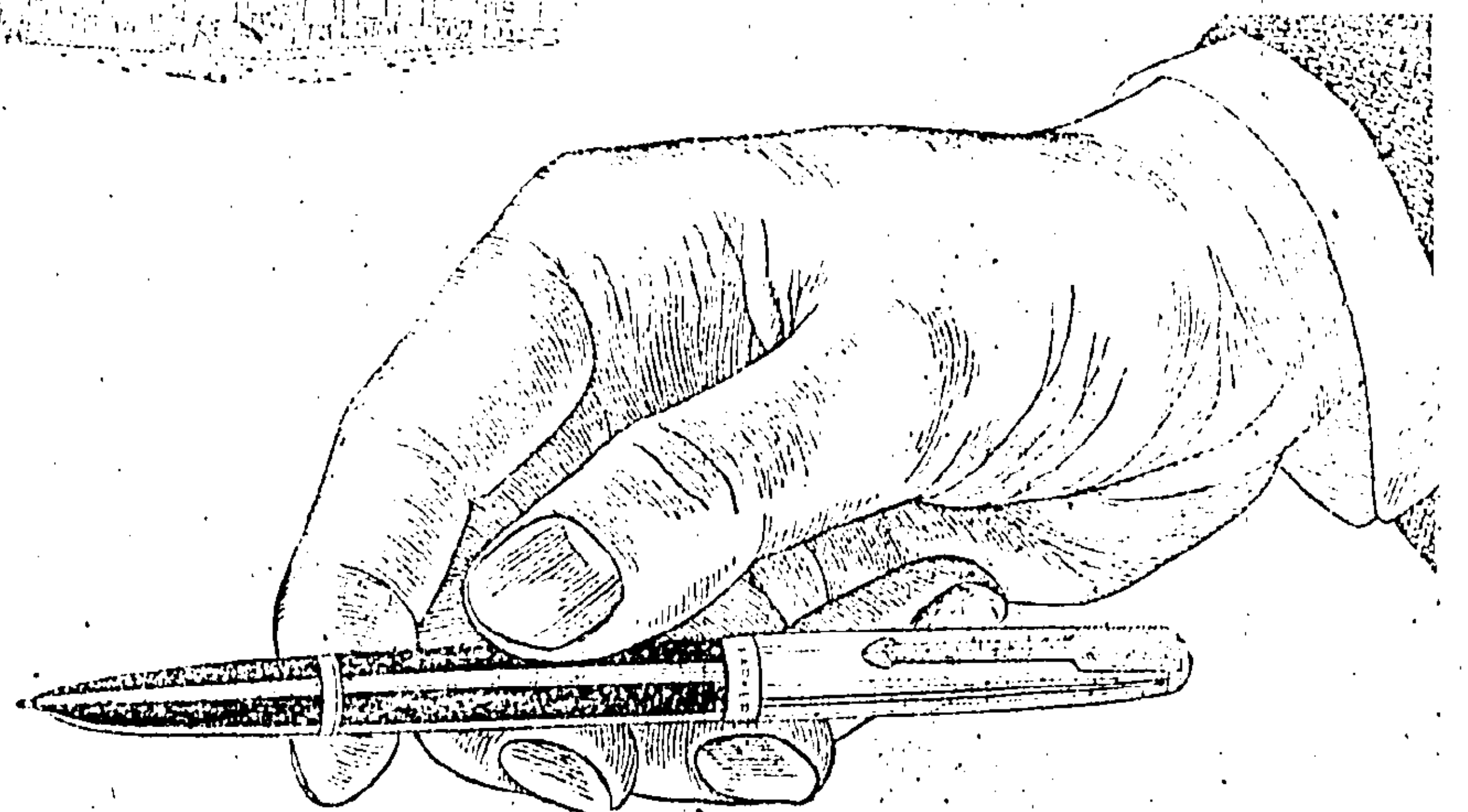
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ILL BEGINNING

It is sufficient commentary upon the hopes with which India and Pakistan celebrated their independence a few months ago that disputes between the two Dominions should now have reached the United Nations. Even grimmer is the fact that submission of their differences to the highest international authority should be taken as the signal not for lessened tension, but for preparations and precautions designed to meet possible open war. The year 1947, which might with a little more patience and much more judgment have ranked as a bright landmark in the history of the great sub-continent, actually brought unparalleled disaster to Muslims and Hindus alike. A vast fear-driven migration has shifted far from their homes, in conditions of indescribable misery, between 8,500,000 and 10,000,000 persons, and caused the slaughter of perhaps 500,000 more. To point out that many areas have remained peaceful and that India is very large is no justification of this appalling manifestation of communal enmity and political miscalculation. It is more just to observe that even where order has been preserved anxiety has deepened. Peaceful peasants and law-abiding townsmen must even now be wondering whether 1948 is to involve them, too, in fratricidal bloodshed.

Throughout the British Government has shown a prudent reluctance to intervene or arbitrate in dissensions for which the well-intentioned British decision to hand over power without delay has been in part responsible. When the Pakistan Government appealed in September to the British and Dominion Governments for assistance, relief measures were readily offered, mainly through non-official organisations. In October Mr. Nehru made private approaches to Mr. Attlee for political intervention and apparently met with a polite rebuff. While this shows a welcome recognition both of British impartiality and of constitutional relations within the British Commonwealth by both sides that they should have sought our mediation, it is most also seen that any advice more positive than an urgent appeal to the two Dominions to settle their quarrels by agreement would have led one side or the other to suspect that British suzerainty was being reassessed. From this point of view the United Nations seems a more appropriate "neutral," but the story of Palestine—to mention only the most obvious recent problem set the United Nations organisation—gives little encouragement for the assumption that a solution can be readily found by this tribunal or readily accepted when it is offered.

It is really too late to impress upon Mr. Nehru and Mr. Jinnah the overwhelming necessity for them to compose their differences. Gandhi's last in his fourth or fifth day appears to have the expected effect among the masses, but sign is lacking of any serious endeavour to get together at a higher level. Yet it is little more than a month ago that Ministers of the two Dominions amicably settled a whole series of military and financial problems which could have caused friction. It is in fact, only the fate of Kashmir, on which both sides are said to be prepared to accept the result of a plebiscite and neither side has forsworn partition, which holds them almost literally at daggers drawn. There can be little doubt that the Hindu Dominion gave provocation in accepting or even exacting the accession of this important and mainly Moslem State, and backing its claims with military force. There can be equally little doubt that Pakistan has favoured and fostered the rebel tribesmen, if not encouraged them more actively. Whether Mr. Jinnah or his Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, could now call off the rebels without military intervention is more dubious. Co-operation by both Dominions would almost certainly be effective in restoring order, but this means each sacrificing a prestige too easily won by bellicose gestures.

AN END TO THIS FOOLERY!

By H.G.W. Woodhead, C.B.E.

On Friday afternoon, before news of the Shamen outrages had reached me, I had written:

"In the year 1870 certain irresponsible anti-foreign Chinese elements in Tientsin started to circulate reports that French Catholic missionaries in the City, where an Orphanage was run by the Nuns, were kidnapping children and extracting their eyes and hearts. Chinese officials were invited to visit the Orphanage to satisfy themselves that these libels were untrue, and one or two did so, and professed themselves convinced. Others, however, continued to inflame anti-foreign feeling with these mendacious reports, and on June 21st the Orphanage and other Mission premises were invaded by an infuriated mob, and ten Nuns, two Priests, six other French men and women, and three Russians, were massacred, and their bodies horribly mutilated."

"I mention this outrage merely as an example of the apparent impossibility, once an anti-foreign libel has been started in China, of getting the Chinese to listen to the truth. The French Mission at Tientsin welcomed investigation of the facts, but facts were of no importance to the Chinese agitators once they had worked up anti-foreign feeling to fever point. Not until the damage had been done, and caused a grave international incident, did Tseng Kuo-fan, the Chinese Viceroy, and Chung-ho, the Imperial Commissioner for International Trade, memorialize the Throne completely exonerating the Catholic Mission, and attributing what had occurred to the misleading of the people by hostile placards and propaganda."

"We are witnessing at the present time, on a smaller and so far less ominous scale, a repetition of the mentality that caused the Tientsin massacres."

Fomenting Defiance

When I was handing in the article of which this was the opening, I was told of the Canton outrages that afternoon, as I have had to rewrite the remainder. Mob incendiaryism on Shamen can be traced to the stirring up of anti-British propaganda by a local Chinese official for reasons which would not bear investigation. I refer to the Pe On Magistrate, who not only started the fantastic agitation over the status of Kowloon City, but who has been sending emissaries into the Colony to foment defiance of the British authorities. There never was any issue over the status of Kowloon City from December 1899 onwards until this mischievous busybody decided to put his finger into the pie, nearly fifty years later. After the Shamen outrages for which he was directly and indirectly responsible, the British authorities have every right to demand his dismissal.

But the matter ought not to end there. Hongkong has learnt over backwards to befriend, assist and placate the Chinese

people ever since the re-occupation. Yet when a minor incident such as the eviction for hygienic reasons, of a few hundred squatters (who were offered alternative accommodation) occurs, the Tientsin mentality of 1870 repeats itself. Witness the circulation in the Kowloon City area of a printed pamphlet, purporting to emanate from the "Po On Walled City Residents' Association" containing a mass of mendacious and libellous charges. They included allegations that the British Police had opened fire upon the residents with machine-guns; that they threw several tons of tear-gas bombs; that as a result of the "massacre" the whole area is "spattered with flesh and blood"; that over ten persons were injured by reveler fire, that women and children were trampled underfoot, and that between 500 and 600 persons were affected by tear-gas; that "we are isolated from the outside world; we are completely encircled by the police; when this reaches you we may be dead"; and that after the "battle the evil Police carried away our wounded, and we have lost all trace of them."

Poisonous Nonsense

This and similar poisonous nonsense could be overlooked, if there were any means of rebutting it. But so far as the Chinese Press is concerned, both in the Colony, and in Canton and other parts of China, rebuttal is impossible. The iron curtain of xenophobia falls as soon as it is decided to foment an anti-foreign agitation; the Canton papers unanimously banned Reuters' service, and printed identical inflammatory editorials, with result which occurred on Shamen on Friday afternoon. In enlightened countries such as the U.S.A. and the United Kingdom, it is customary to give both sides of an issue even where national interests may be involved. Both in America and in England, for instance, newspapers have published columns of malicious nonsense from the mouth of Comrade Molotov and his colleagues. In China, logic and truth flee as soon as anti-foreign propaganda is decided upon.

Strict Account

Nothing can be done to counter this dangerous mentality in China itself, except, as it may be hoped in the present case, to hold the Chinese Government and its officials to strict account for the destruction of British property resulting therefrom. In the Colony no Chinese paper dares take the British side on this or any other trivial issue. There was an uproar, (and, I believe, official representations), following the temporary suspension of the *National Times* after it had deliberately incited its readers to violence and kidnapping. A Shanghai paper is closed down without any fuss when it publishes an article allegedly insulting Chinese Moslems! If liberty of the Press in Hongkong is not to develop into unbridled licence I suggest that the Ordinance relating to publications be amended to include a provision that in any instance in which the Governor con-

siders law and order in the Colony to be jeopardized, any daily newspaper published in the Colony shall be bound to publish in full, and without alteration, any official communication dealing with the issue. It is to be regretted that responsible Britons and Chinese have not got together to issue a daily newspaper in Chinese which would present facts truthfully and impartially. At present the local Chinese Press, as a whole must be regarded as a Fifth Column, which is a continuous menace to peace and order.

Shift Of Initiative

Now that the diplomatic initiative is in British hands some other issues might well be settled. For instance, the position of the Chinese Official representative in this Colony should be regularized. He should function as a Consul General, not as an official of Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces, and should be left in no doubt as to the British Government's attitude towards interference in the Colony's domestic affairs. There should be no more tolerance of interference in petty issues such as the much-advertised Kowloon Hawker's case, and attempts to interfere with the course of British justice should be summarily rejected.

Finally it may be asked what is the attitude of responsible members of the Chinese community, who cannot be bamboozled by the propaganda which has been put forward in connection with the Kowloon Walled City issue? Their voice would carry at least some weight with Nanking if it were to be heard. And it seems high time that it were heard on the side of truth and justice. The

Easy Prey

tens of thousands of Chinese immigrants into the Colony since the re-occupation cannot be expected to be familiar with the rule of law, and therefore are an easy prey to malicious anti-British propaganda. But there are also, surely, some tens of thousands of Chinese residents who appreciate what law and order under the British system mean, and would be horrified at the idea that the maladministration and currency chaos experienced in Shanghai since V. J. Day should be extended to Hongkong. The theory that we should allow floods—the deeds of the British Government and the Government of this Colony—to speak for themselves will not work against a daily torrent of misrepresentation and mendacity. It is time for responsible Chinese to require the privileges they enjoy in Hongkong by taking a stand against malicious propaganda. Otherwise, it would seem, we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that every petty incident—robbery by a Chinese militiaman, death of a hawk, an accidental death on the border, suspension of a sedition newspaper, and eviction of squatters from unhygienic quarters illegally occupied—has the seeds of a serious Anglo-Chinese incident unless the British authorities agree to settle by submission to political blackmail.



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Congress On Aid To Europe By Scrutator

The next three months will see the legislature of the United States engaged in accepting, rejecting or modifying the Marshall Plan. The American Government have been hoping to get the Plan through in time for the assistance contemplated under it to begin by April 1. This may yet happen, but it appears less probable than it did. Three things have contributed to dim the prospects. One was the course of the debate on the "stopgap" aid to France and Italy. Another is the spectacle of loss occasioned to those countries by the recent Communist launched strikes. The third, and altogether the dominant deterrent is the doctrine crystallised in President Truman's message, that if the Plan's large exports go forward there must be controls of prices and wages at home, in order to prevent a runaway inflation.

Stop Gap

The Bill for "stopgap" aid corresponded to the necessities of Europe. But at the American end, and in terms of Parliamentary manoeuvre, it had serious disadvantages. It enabled all the anti-Plan forces to get a center over the course preliminary to the main race. By this they have gained a good deal; and though eventually the "stopgap" Bill went through with no worse mishap than a diversion of sixty million dollars from Europe to China, it can hardly be said to have passed with flying colours. The spectacle of the French and Italian strikes at first rather stimulated support for Mr. Marshall's programme. Their Communist authors had hardly troubled to conceal either identity or their motive. They were trying, on Moscow's orders, to detach France and Italy from America, and they failed. So far, so good; were they not proving the Marshall case? But then came through from France figures for the heavy losses—particularly the enormous loss of coal output—which the Communists, minority though they were, had been able to inflict on the country. A revival of defeatism was the result. Men asked what was the use of pouring American economic help into those countries, if its effects were to be neutralised by Communist-caused economic damage?

Subordinate

But these are subordinate issues compared to the main one, which is centred round the demand for economic controls. Probably the fact in American life which excites most feeling today is the steep and continuing rise of prices. It is universally resented, and a Presidential candidate who could convert the resentment into votes next autumn might win. But how? The Republicans, with very varying degrees of emphasis, believe in suppressing controls and allowing prices to find their own level. The Democrats, on the other hand, are much affected by the methods and traditions of the late President Roosevelt, whose long period of office witnessed the institution—first on account of the economic crisis and then on account of the war—of the greatest body of controls ever seen in America.

Here, then, is something like a clear distinction between party attitudes. After the war, when the Republicans obtained power in the Senate and House of Representatives, one of the first things they did was to carry against President Truman and his Democratic Administration the repeal of most of the may improve them again.

controls—especially of controls over prices. The leader in that policy was Senator Taft. Its immediate effect was a rise of prices, and this, instead of leading to an eventual stabilisation or reduction, has been continually in progress ever since.

That the American price-rise is inflationary, that it is a case, there as here, of too much money chasing too few goods, is now widely accepted. Considered in relation to the needs of Europe, it has two main effects. First it has made it well-nigh impossible to finance American sales to Europe in any ordinary way, since, as we saw in the case of the Anglo-American loan, a given number of borrowed dollars represents a constantly diminishing equivalent in goods. Secondly, since the goods which Europe most needs—wheat, meat and steel, for instance—are also the object of an unsatisfied demand within the United States, it follows that increased export of such goods to Europe will increase the unsatisfied home demand, and this, unless something is done about it, will carry inflationary prices still farther.

Republican's Dilemma

Occupying, as he does throughout, the difficult position of a Democratic President compelled to get his money from a Republican Congress, Mr. Truman in his Message upon the Plan confronted his political opponents with the logical need for doing things which they dislike doing. They dislike the prospect of Europe's going Communist, but they cannot avert it save by doing something which they also dislike, viz, reducing the supply of goods to the American home market. Nor can they do that and escape inflation, unless (which they also dislike) they submit to the re-imposition of extensive controls.

The President's logic can hardly be evaded, once you have admitted the need to save Europe from collapsing into chaos and Communism. And there are influential Republican leaders—Senator Vandenberg, for instance—who see that need as clearly as Mr. Marshall himself. But there are others, like Senator Taft, who do not; and there is a risk that, following them, the official Republican party might turn against the Plan, on the plea that, though desirable in itself, it became a game not worth the candle as soon as the candle was seen to involve American economic controls. The form which such an opposition might take would probably not be out-and-out rejection. It may be doubted whether any politician, looking to the American electorate as a whole, could afford to reject the Plan as a whole. But it is always popular to cut down payments; and really large cuts could be just as fatal to the Plan as rejection.

Test for Democracy

Mr. Marshall has stated the case against cuts very aptly. If, he said, a man is marooned on a rock-island twenty feet below you, it is no good throwing him a fifteen-foot rope. It will be a real and severe test for the working of American democracy, whether in the year of a Presidential election voters and vote-catchers alike can keep an elementary truth like that firmly before their eyes. At the moment it is not possible to forecast how the issue will be decided. Prospects fluctuate from week to week; and if today they are less good than they were, another turn of events might improve them again.

What The Chinese Press Said

New Life Evening Post: The Kowloon City question is still under discussion between the British and Chinese Governments. Which of the two Governments has the right to jurisdiction over the area, of course, will have been finally settled. On this point, we refrain from further comment.

However, even assuming that the jurisdiction rights belong to Britain, there can be no difference between the position of the residents in Kowloon and the position of Kowloon-Tong residents.

What right had the police to open fire when there was no armed opposition from the people in Kowloon City? There is only one answer and it is "None". In Monday's "Incident", the police did not fire into the air. They fired at the people. This sort of firing cannot be described as a warning. The aim of such firing is to kill. The injured did not suffer broken limbs. They suffered from bullet wounds. The action taken by the police with the Hong Kong Government's administration of law.

Police powers are not unlimited. If arms are used against them, they can at once reply with arms. But the Kowloon City people did not even possess an inch of steel. Even in the previous action against them, only stones were used to demonstrate their opposition.

The Police were equipped with shields and tear-gas bombs. What was the use of shields but for protection against stones. The shields were sufficient protection and the tear-gas bombs

and the tear-gas bombs against angry demonstrators are tear-gas and water-hoses.

Although they are armed, the authority of the police to open fire is restricted. The circumstances in Kowloon City on Monday did not warrant the use of arms.

Blood!

Sing Tao Jih Pao: Blood has been shed in Kowloon City. It is not easy to forecast the outcome of the incident. However, if it is allowed to become aggravated, friendly Sino-British relations will suffer in consequence. With this in mind, we urge the Hong Kong Government to act with caution and so avoid an aggravation of the affair.

What happened in Kowloon City on Monday was what we had hoped would never have occurred. In the eyes of the people, they were right in opposing any attempt to evict them since a state of emergency has been declared by the Chinese Foreign Affairs Ministry clearly said that China had never relinquished jurisdiction over Kowloon City.

In their eyes they were not in conflict with Hong Kong laws. These are two points which the Hong Kong Government should bear in mind.

We earnestly trust that the Hong Kong Government will respect the principles of natural law, and strive for a basic solution of the Kowloon City question without spilling blood.

Freedoms

National Times: We remember when Hong Kong was liberated more than two years ago, slogans and cartoons were posted up throughout the Colony. The main theme of these posted up the return of "Four Freedoms" to the people of Hong Kong. Among the "Four Freedoms" were the freedom to live and the freedom of speech.

Two years after those posters were put up, the Hong Kong Government not only casts reason aside but deprives the Kowloon City resident of the freedom to live.

What is the reason for this? Does the Hong Kong Government want to create an opportunity to exploit our people?

Wah Kiu Yat Po: The signing of the Hong Kong-China Customs Pact will solve most of the difficulties confronting the Customs in Kwangtung. Chinese Government restrictions on imports creates a great demand in the markets for foreign goods. This opportunity is fully exploited by men who have no regard for law and order. It is capital is another factor contributing to smuggling. However, the main cause for smuggling is the restrictions on imports. These must be lifted.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1948.

THE RT. HON SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS

Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, was already a dominate figure in Parliament before he came to that office. His wartime experience led to his becoming President of the Board of Trade in the new postwar Government, then, for a few weeks, he held the newly created Portfolio of Economic Affairs.

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Sir Stafford probably holds more power now than any Minister of the British Crown, under the Prime Minister, has had before. And Parliament will look to him in these coming months of continuing crisis, as it has learned to do particularly since last summer, for clear, purposeful leadership. Clarity and purpose, indeed, are recognised on both sides of the House of Commons as the outstanding qualities that Sir Stafford Cripps brings to his work in the service of the nation. He has set out Britain's economic situation and the measure of the task before her in a way to im-

Chancellor And Dictator Of Britain's Economic Destiny

By Ernest Atkinson

press every citizen—and it is recognised as due to him that the country so well understands it.

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The word most popularly associated with Sir Stafford Cripps—"austerity"—gives a very poor idea of the man himself. He is by no means cold but calm and cordial in private conversation. He smiles readily and warmly. Critics of his policies, indeed, are sometimes inclined to suggest that he finds it easy to pursue policies which impose austerity on the people because he himself leads a life of considerable abstemiousness. He is, for instance, a vegetarian. And he rises at four in the morning and goes to bed at 10. He does that, however, because he has found that it suits him to work that way, not from any special zeal to

mortify the flesh. On rising he works until breakfast time and then takes an hour's walk. And from then on until six, in the evening there is the unrelenting round of committees and interviews, of appearances in the House of Commons, speeches and all the rest. He relaxes when possible in the evening. And all day his tobacco and pipe is at hand. He smokes freely, both pipe and cigarettes.

Those who say that he thinks that every one should be content with nothing more than working so hard as he does are mistaken. They forget his experience in management. They ignore the keen interest he takes in the human as well as mechanical and scientific problems of industrial relationship. They forget that a man could scarcely have achieved Sir Stafford's present leadership if he consistently over-estimated the powers of those who are to follow him.

Became A Barrister

His early interests and training made him the man to approach great problems with a calm, appraising mind. His father and his grandfather were both distinguished lawyers. But at school, at Winchester, he specialised in science. A scholarship in science took him to the University. He was invited by Sir William Ramsay, the great scientist, to join his staff at University College. The legal trait was strong, however, and he became a Barrister, making a considerable career.

Management of a State factory in

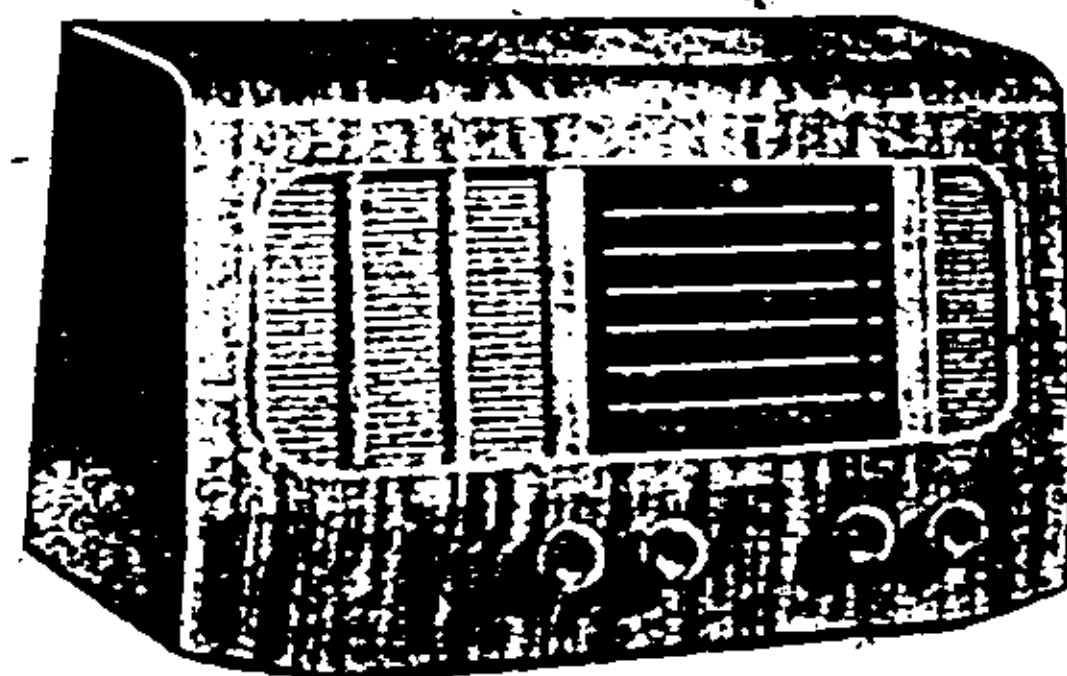
the first World War fed an interest in human problems of production which has never left Sir Stafford. As Minister for Aircraft Production, and later President of the Board of Trade in the second World War, he encouraged many studies in the worker's share in industry. He forgets nothing of this experience that he has kept for its worth. A feature of his speeches in the present economic crisis has, indeed, been their practical advice on management and production problems—advice that would have carried less weight had it come from one who had not made such special studies.

Ernest Brockway, also a Socialist, though of a different outlook, once wrote of Sir Stafford Cripps that "he is not at home among the working class and workers do not feel at their ease with him". It may be true. But twice at least in recent years has he, by virtue of his own blend of qualities, seemed to respond to some powerful call from the whole people—when he became wartime Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. and on his return to Britain when he was made Leader of the House of Commons—a post which he held until he went to a more congenial sphere as Minister of Aircraft Production.

And now, in recent months, Sir Stafford has again found himself in a situation in which he is peculiarly suited to match the mood of the people. He has to face the challenge of the times in circumstances more difficult in many ways than they were during the war. Every move is open to challenge by a watchful Opposition in the Commons. The free play of political controversy is there with its possibility of drawing minds aside from the calm, objective approach to problems. These days of economic crisis are a testing time for all who go through them. And for none more than the man on whom economic leadership falls.



The most recent picture of Sir Stafford Cripps, taken in London on January 4, during ceremonies connected with Burma's Independence Day.



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That every fare-paying passenger who is lost or mislaid on a nationalised junction in mid-winter and who, upon addressing a nationalised porter, finds that he is talking to a grumpy ghost, thus causing his hair to turn snow-white, shall be fully entitled to push open the door labelled "NO ADMITTANCE, STAFF ONLY" and, contrary to all by-laws, warm himself at the station-master's private fire.

We find that we have nothing to add to the above, except to say to posterity that (1) our little hand is frozen, and (2) there are remedies for all things but Death (Carlyle).

The Controlled Citizens' Aid Bureau
Q: While I was standing in a bus queue recently a man whom I supposed to be an official of some sort took off my bowler hat and printed a reference number on my forehead with a rubber stamp. At the time I imagined that he was carrying out some new Government Order, but since then it has occurred to me that I may have been the victim of an ill-mannered practical joke. What is your view?

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Over to You

NEWS QUIZ

1. The director of International Relations at John Hopkins University said this week that the Chinese Central Government is "Not worth helping". Who is he?
2. A quarter of a million dollars worth in gold bars and plates was seized this week by Revenue Officers. Where was this gold coming from?
3. Trouble in Central Luzon is cranking to a head, and the left-wing guerilla movement Hukbuhap is right in the middle of it. Do you know who is the leader of the guerillas?
4. A Palestine Arab guerilla army is now training in Palestine, at one of the most famous spots in the world. Do you know where?
5. The former president of Indonesia declared this week that he was "not optimistic" about the prospects of agreement in the United Nations Good Offices Committee now sitting on the Indonesian question. Who is the former Premier?
6. This week K. Mohandis Gandhi started another fast. At 78 years of age his doctors are worried about the outcome if he continues it for too long. What is the purpose of this fast?
7. The Chinese Foreign Minister is the leading light in the debate at Nanking on the Kowloon eviction issue. Who is the Foreign Minister?

(Answers in Page 9)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Australians often refer to their national coat-of-arms as the "Bird and Beast." Do you know what bird and what beast are represented there?
2. For musicians and such: What is the difference between a concertina and a concertino?
3. Some people say like attracts like, and in an effort to prove them wrong we find this list — famous people who have married equally famous people. Do you know the "working" names of the spouses of the famous names below?
Playwright and novelist Pamela Kellino
Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick A. Montague Browning, K.B.E., once Deputy Commander of the First Allied Airborne Army.
Actress Theresa Wright.
Gloria Vanderbilt, wealthy play-time-girl.
Opera star and actress, Jeanette MacDonald.
Hot trumpeter Harry James
4. A question for cricketers: The number of balls to an over has varied during the years. Do you know how many balls there were originally to an over, and when they were changed, until the present arrangement was reached?

(Answers in Page 4)

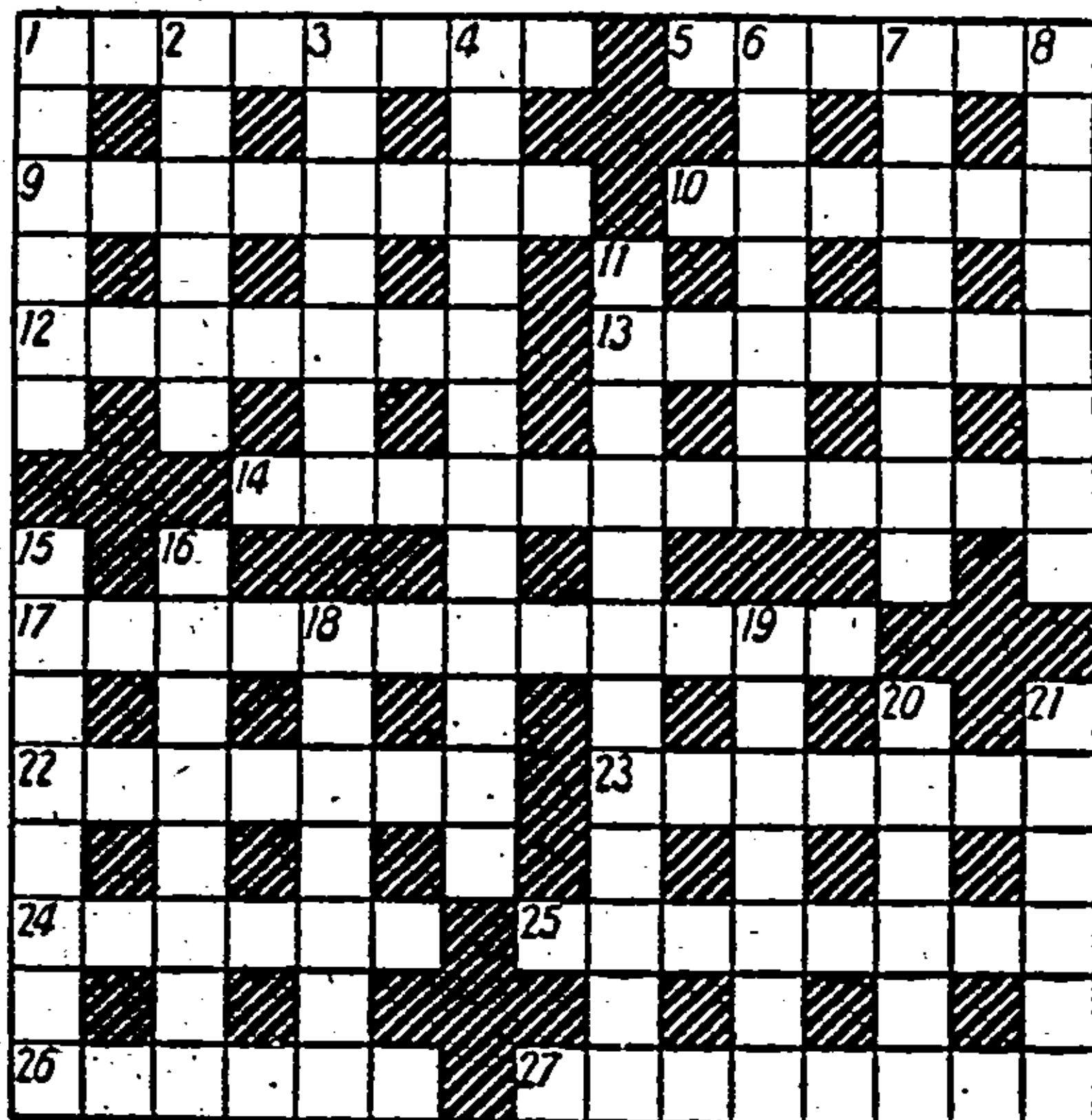
CROSSWORD No. 39

ACROSS

- 1 The wise men return in disordered pieces—the result, may be, of double lives. (8)
- 5 An engine of advertisement? (6)
- 9 Run, perhaps, with all the fielders on the leg-side. (5, 3)
- 10 "I had rather live," said Hotspur, "with cheese and—in a windmill." (6)
- 12 He, in return, gives Nero between an ounce and a pound. (7)
- 13 Oat pies are so soporific. (7)
- 14 She seems to be actually posing. (7, 5)
- 17 Slap on butter (anag.). (5, 7)
- 22 Storer Clouston's was at large. (7)
- 23 Margaret's not up. (3, 4)
- 24 One of the ancient lights. What a wonder! (6)
- 25 "Our saucy ship's a beauty," sang her crew. (8)
- 26 Nelly Gray's lover did twice in the line, the second time fatally. (6)
- 27 Where they cultivate the bosses? (4, 4)

DOWN

- 1 A famous editor seen on foot. (6)
- 2 T. R. Grey as a composer. (6)
- 3 Gone, in a way, to spoil for battle. (7)
- 4 Not an East Anglian drink, though it may be seen in draught. (7, 5)
- 6 Nominally in origin a heavenly metal. (7)
- 7 It's high and about to turn. (4, 4)
- 8 Shakes on a high note. (8)
- 11 Indicate an off fieldman. (5, 2, 5)
- 15 This sweet may provide too good a tuck in. (8)
- 16 In South Africa with the post about. (4, 4)
- 18 Liquids for external use. (7)
- 19 Pull drink back, like a miser. (7)
- 20 Goddess of the Isle of Man post office? (6)
- 21 A man from Le Mans. (6)



SOLUTION TO No. 38—Across: 1 Part time Worker, 10 In doubt, 11 Careers, 12 Rough House, 13 Shoe, 15 State, 16 Nought, 20 Outing, 21 Bevan, 25 Duck, 26 Particular, 28 Imprint, 29 Artemis, 30 Latter Day Saint.
Down: 2 Ardour, 3 Touchstone, 4 Introits, 5 Excise, 6 Oars, 7 Knee-high, 8 Respects, 9 Mire, 14 Nova Scotia, 17 Goodwill, 18 Stock Pot, 19 Bestiary, 22 Lapsed, 23 Flyman, 24 Press, 27 Line.



PILSNER

BRIDGE

By YARBOROUGH

Two hands from a recent match are excellent examples of the underlying principles of slow-approach bidding. What should East bid on this?

WEST EAST

S.—K Q x x S.—A x x
H.—8 x x H.—A Q 9
D.—K 10 D.—J x x x
C.—8 7 x x C.—K 10 x

In one room he bid One No-trump and in the other One Club. The One No-trump bid deprived the partner of any other response than Two No-trumps, whereas the One Club bid gave the partner a chance to bid One Spade over which East bid One No-trump, closing the bidding. Only seven tricks were made in both rooms the net score to one side being 140 points. The slow-approach opening bid of One Club then scored a success. Now let us consider the other hand.

SOUTH NORTH

S.—9 x S.—K J 10 x
H.—K 9 x x H.—A 10 x x
D.—A K J 9 x D.—8 x
C.—K x C.—x x x

In one room the bidding proceeded: South, One Heart; North, One Spade; South, Two Diamonds; North, Two Hearts. Only seven tricks were made. In the other room the bidding was: South, One Diamond; North, One Spade; South, One No-trump; and Seven tricks were made. The same side scored in both rooms a total of 190 points. The slower approach bid of One Diamond here is not so technically correct as the bid of One Heart, South's troubles were not due to his opening bid of One Heart but to his rebid of Two Diamonds. It is true that this is a weak rebid because it denies reversing values, but it is also true that he has raised the level of bidding on a misfit for his partner's suit. His better bid over One Spade was One No-trump because this does not raise the level of bidding.

This example is doubly interesting because a Continental writer has strongly advocated making an opening bid on the suit below the doubleton.



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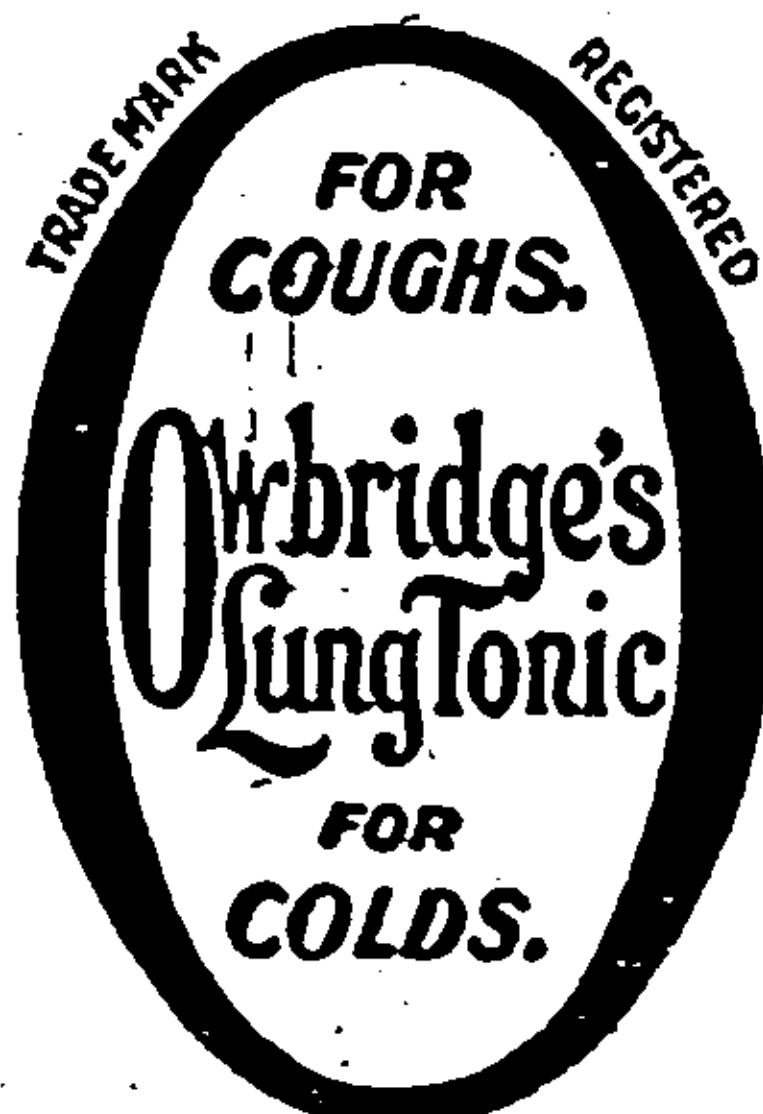


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New Books

TWO ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN JAPAN

Psychology is a much over-worked term; but it is now generally admitted that whether dealing with individuals or nations, the more knowledge and understanding one may have of their psychological reactions in any given circumstances, the more likely we are to achieve success. This is particularly true of a people like the Japanese, whose mental outlook and general background are so different from our own and whose seemingly contradictory behaviour at times is apt to convey the impression of a split personality, in which Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde interchange as freely as Box and Cox.

No true understanding of these apparent contradictions in the Japanese make-up is possible without a knowledge of Japanese history. Two new books just published may, therefore, be regarded as complementary to one another. Reischauer's provides an admirably lucid and concise survey of Japanese history from the earliest times down to the summer of 1946, while Ruth Benedict's supplies a most interesting and valuable study of Japanese psychology and helps greatly towards elucidating many of those manifestations of it which, during the recent war years and immediate post-war period, seemed so bewildering to outside observers.

In a Foreword to Reischauer's volume, Sir George Sansom, who is our Cultural History of Japan is now a classic, pays a well-merited Churchillian tribute to its author by declaring: "I do not know of any short book on Japanese history which gives so much useful information in so brief and simple a form." The great merit of this work is, in fact, the amount of ground covered in so short a space. All the salient points of Japan's historical background are there and, in addition, an attempt is made to interpret them in the light of present-day Japan. For the general reader, who has neither the time nor the inclination to study a full-length history of Japan but wants to know something about it and about the whys and wherefores of Japanese behaviour in peace and in war, this is an obvious advantage. The author's method of presenting his subject and interpreting the main facts, moreover, may well stimulate the reader to turn to Ruth Benedict's more detailed study of Japanese psychology. Incidentally, Reischauer provides some useful corrective to the all too readily accepted ideas that the Japanese are mere imitators, that Japanese women are, and always have been, held in abject subjection, that Christianity was debarrd from Japan by the Tokugawa for purely religious reasons, and that the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931 had the full support of the nation from the outset.

To compress a history of some 2,500 years within the space of 200 short pages without omitting any essential points is no mean feat; but, taken by and large, this has been achieved with considerable success. In only a few instances has this impression been overdone. The all-important Taikwa Reforms of the 7th century which, though touched on, are not mentioned rather fuller treatment, while the reference to the Shanghai operations of 1932 is so brief as to be slightly misleading. One also misses any mention of that bluff and colourful old Kentish seaman, Will Adams, whose arrival in Japan in 1603 played a not unimportant part in Iyeyasu's trade and maritime policy. Of actual errors, however, the only one detected—and that a very minor one—concerned Hideyoshi's Korean campaign at the close of the 16th century. The author very rightly refutes the idea frequently mooted in recent war-time propaganda that Hideyoshi aimed at world conquest; but he appears to credit the armies of China, which came to the aid of the Koreans, with rather more importance than they deserve. The main factor leading to the eventual failure of the Japanese expedition was

the difficulty of maintaining sea communications. For this the main credit must go to the valiant Korean Admiral, Yi Sun.

Many of the interpretations placed by Reischauer on the historical developments he records, find their place in the pages of *The Chrysanthemum and the Sword*, which starts by emphasizing a number of seeming inconsistencies in Japanese characteristics and then proceeds to explain them away in the light of Japan's historical background and geographical environment. The title of the book itself is based on one of these contradictions, namely the apparent contrariness of the Japanese in having a popular cult of aestheticism, which gives high honour to actors and artists and lavishes art upon the cultivation of chrysanthemums, while also exalting the cult of the sword and giving pride of place to the warrior. To quote the author's own words:—

"Both the sword and the chrysanthemum are part of the picture. The Japanese are, to the highest degree, both aggressive and unaggressive, both militaristic and aesthetic, both insolent and polite, rigid and adaptable, submissive and resentful of being pushed around, loyal and treacherous, brave and timid, conservative and hospitable to new ways. . . . Their soldiers are disciplined to the hilt but are also insubordinate."

All this is very true, as anyone who has lived among them and known them well and studied them can readily testify. What is not always so well appreciated is that there are perfectly logical explanations for most of these contradictions. The great merit of Ruth Benedict's book is that these explanations are set forth clearly and concisely and provide a most useful guide to those whose task it is to foretell the probable reactions of the Japanese, either as individuals or as a nation in certain sets of circumstances. The almost uncanny volte-face of the Japanese on the arrival of the Allied Forces in their country, for example, need not have caused such surprise if there had been a better knowledge and understanding of Japanese history, which provides a number of precedents for Japan's readiness and ability, if one line of conduct fails, to adopt a diametrically opposite one. Two instances of this in modern times come naturally to mind, one being the Satsuma Clan's successful bid for British friendship immediately following the bombardment of Kagoshima in 1863 the other the complete reversal of policy towards the outside world which followed the restoration of the Emperor to power five years later. Again, the success of that "unlucky" policy may well be attributed to his understanding the apparent contradiction between Japanese submissiveness and Japanese resentment against "being pushed around." He recognised the explanation to be that they are submissive to rules but not to arbitrary authority, and he based his policy largely on this recognition.

To give but one more example of seemingly contradictory behaviour, the chivalry shown to the defeated Russians in 1905 is contrasted with the lack of chivalry towards the British and Americans after the fall of Singapore and Corregidor respectively. The author explains this by the fact that the "White" Australia policy and the American Immigration Law of 1924 had caused a serious loss of face to Japan with consequent deep resentment. Revenge for these slurs took the form of "getting their own back" by foregoing the chivalry shown in 1905. It is true, of course, that the Russians, too, had caused resentment by their outstanding part in the Triple Intervention of 1895 and their subsequent seizure of Port Arthur, which they had induced the Japanese to give up on speciously altruistic grounds; but there was not the same loss of face. The author, however, does not mention this or its typically Japanese repercussions.

MP FOR LOVE OF THE GAME

In 1945, when Tory heads were falling under the electoral chopper, Bob Boothby survived. His Aberdonian constituents, whom he had served since 1924, once more affirmed their faith in him.

His performance in Parliament in the past two years has amply justified that trust. Now, in a book with a challenging title, he gives an account of his stewardship.

Boothby's tale is well told. This jovial, rollicking man, with his sharp brain and abundant ability, has the saving graces of politicians—objectivity and humour.

The main interest of the book lies in its account of the inter-war years, with the conflict of strong personalities on the political stage.

The author has, however, resisted the temptation to make his book an interesting, but possibly rather trivial, collection of neo-Georgian gossip.

Anecdote and shrewd comment abound, but mainly about the lions of the period. Boothby never allows his loyalty and personal affection for the great men who people his pages to obscure his judgment on their weaknesses.

While he pays tribute to Lloyd George's patriotism, hatred of oppression, and personal charm, he does not neglect the failures.

In his view Lloyd George "did not realise in time the desperate need of France for a guaranteed security," and "failed to realise the importance of economics to the future of Europe."

Another of his heroes was Lord Birkenhead. Of him he writes: "The influence which he exercised over us all at Oxford can scarcely be overestimated." Birkenhead could, alone among statesmen, put the younger generation completely at their ease.

Once, when, as Lord Chancellor, he asked the barmaid at Paddington for a glass of beer at 10 a.m. she called him a laucy boy, "with much justification."

If he had lived, "it is impossible to believe that even Mr. Baldwin's political dexterity could have successfully overcome the combination of Churchill and Birkenhead engaged . . . in a desperate struggle for the security of Britain."

The second half of the book is devoted to expressing Boothby's political philosophy—a radical Toryism—and his support of expansionist economics.

In this connection he discusses with warm approval the work of Keynes.

The tragedy of the American Loan was, in his view, that Keynes finally surrendered at Bretton Woods to the forces he had been fighting, not without success, all his life.

Nothing can, however, alter the "revolution in economic thought" inspired by Keynes.

Affection for a great man and belief in the expansionist principles he proclaimed are mingled in Boothby's appreciation.

An autobiography written at white heat is not without its faults: one could wish that the author had spared us some of his duller moments.

The book is studded with lengthy quotations from memoranda to Ministers, letters to the Press, and statements to constituents.

Boothby, a politician for the sheer love of the game, has not been able to divest himself of the politician's armour of self justification.

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"What Do You Think?"

Have you sent in your entry yet? Every fortnight we are going to offer \$2 for the best answer we get to the question published in "What Do You Think?" Think carefully before you write, and remember that neatness will count in the results. The best answer to today's question will be published on January 25, so make sure that your entries are before Tuesday, January 20.

This week's question is:

"Which part of your school work do you enjoy most? And why?"

TURPIE AND THE GOBLINS

Once upon a time there was a little old man and a little old woman. They lived in a house all made of hemp-stalks, and they had a little dog called Turpie.

The little dog always barked when anyone came near the house.

One night the little old man and the little old woman were fast asleep. Out from the deep woods came the Goblins, running. Through the long grass the Goblins came creeping, skipping on the ends of their toes. They cried out: "Pull down the hemp-stalks. Eat up the little old man. Carry off the little old woman."

Then the little dog, Turpie, ran out barking loudly. The Goblins were afraid and they ran home as fast they could go. But the little old man woke from his dreams and cried: "Little dog Turpie barks so loudly that I cannot sleep. In the morning I will take off his head."

So the little old man took off little dog Turpie's head, to stop him from barking.

That night, alone came the Goblins again. And the Goblins cried "Pull down the hemp stalks! Eat up the little old man. Carry off the little old woman!"

Now little dog Turpie could not bark any more. There was no one to frighten the Goblins away. They pulled down the hemp stalks. They took away the little old woman in their bag. But the little old man, they could not get for he hid himself under his bed.

When the Goblins reached home, they hung the bag upon a big hook.

The little old woman was still in it. They poked the bag with their fingers and cried, "Look you! Look you!"

But when the sun came up they went to sleep. Goblins, you know, always sleep all day.

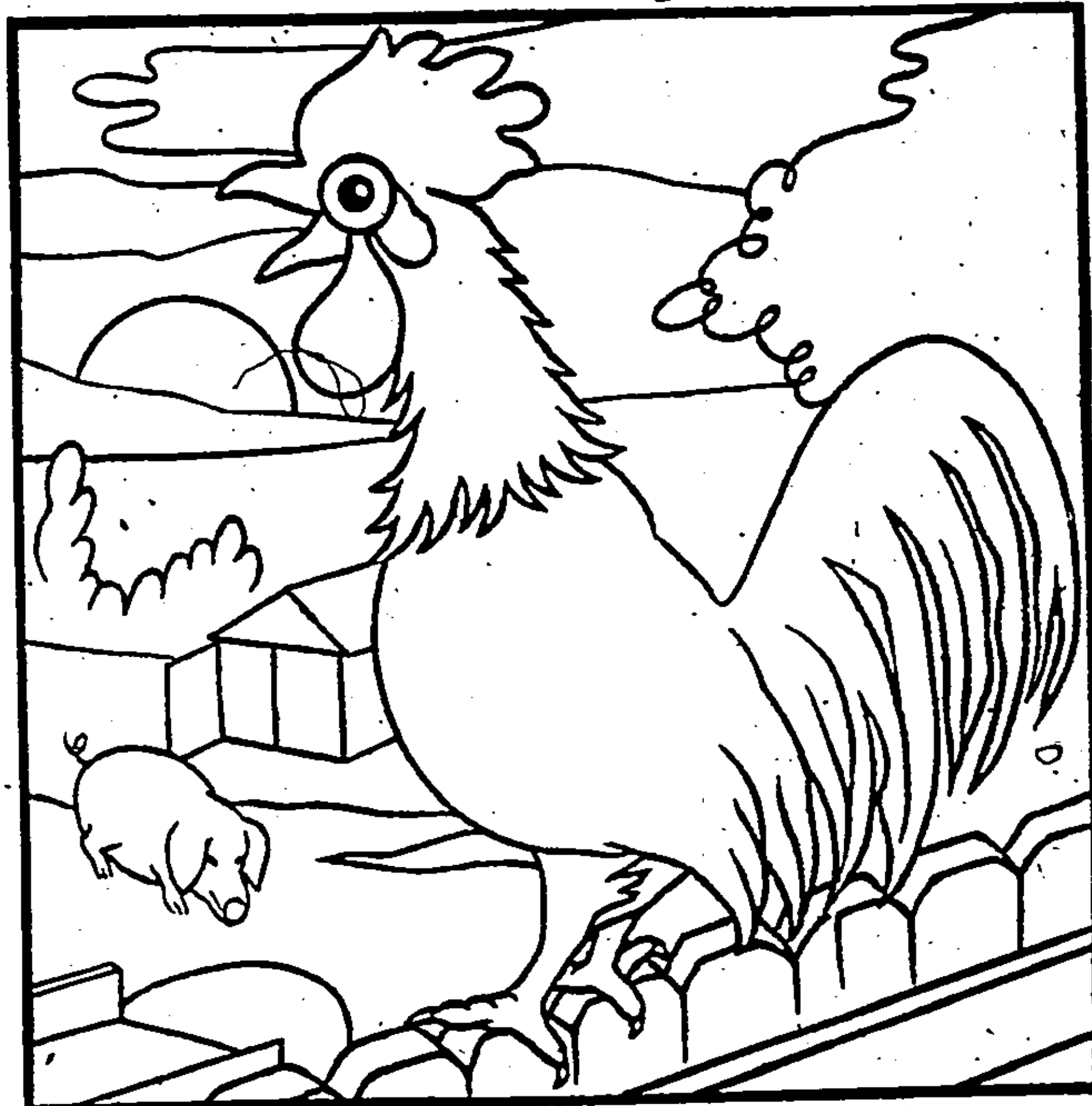
When the little old man found that the little old woman was gone he was very sorry. Now he knew that Turpie was a good little dog. So he gave Turpie back his head, and fixed it on to him again. Turpie went off, sniffing, to find the old woman. Soon he came to the Goblins' house, and he heard the little old woman crying in the bag.

He saw that the Goblins were all

Children's Page

"COCK O' THE MORNING" to you all!

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AGE

MIDSUMMER EVENINGS

I love the starry evenings
When the moon is half out—
And little cool breezes
Move softly about.

The sky is full of colours,
Violet, red and blue;
And many others all mixed up
Which I shan't name to you.

The trees, they whisper secrets
Of people of long ago—
Whenever the breezes are moving
'Tis the only song they know.

I walk alone in the garden
While the flowers shake their heads,
As though the breezes were saying,
"Now, children, return to your beds."

I watch the sky till it deepens,
And turns to a bright purple glow;
And the moon when it goes behind a
cloud,
Hiding from the world.

I sigh as I turn towards the house,
When the breeze has become too bold;
The flowers still mockingly shake their
heads,
"We're not afraid of the cold!"

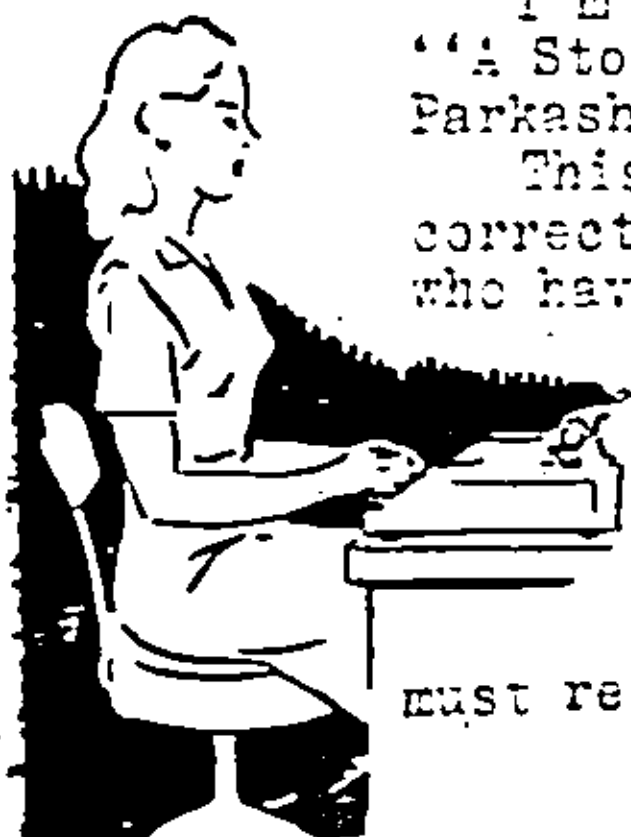
(Junie David (14), Hong Kong.
Award . . .)

AT MY TYPEWRITER . . .

I'm very sorry to tell you that the poem
"A Stormy Night", which was sent in to me by
Parkash Chander, is not his own work.

This is the second time I have had to make
corrections to awards given to boys and girls
who have won them for poems which were not
original. So now I must ask you all,
when submitting your material, to
state if it is original or not.

I only want your own work—anybody
can copy out of a book. We cannot
keep track of all the books, and we
must rely on your fair play.



Auntie Vee

PRIZEWINNERS OF LAST WEEK'S COMPETITION

Several very neat entries were sent
in for last week's competition.

Out of them all it was very difficult
to choose the prize-winners, but we
eventually awarded the six prizes of
\$5 each to the following:

Lee Yeung (13), 39, Yuk Yim Street,
2nd Floor, Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

Patrick Yeung (10), 92, Waterloo
Road, Kowloon.

Rayburn Lim (12), 15, Cameron
Road, Ground Floor, Kowloon.

Lee Mui Chong (13), 77, Pokfulam
Road, Top Floor, Hong Kong.

Nora Ng (15), 5, Yuk San Street,
Second Floor, Happy Valley, Hong
Kong.

Chi Chow Hney (10), 24, Poplar
Street, 2nd Floor, Shamshui, Kow-
loon.



Credit Corner is for boys and girls
who have sent in drawings, poems and
stories, which deserve praise, although
they have not been published.

Honourable Mention goes to:

Rosemary A. Barton, Kowloon; Ken-
neth Wong, Kowloon; Carolyn Lee,
Kowloon.

WHAT AM I?

Jacqueline Barton, aged 14, has
sent in this puzzle for you, for which
she gets one star. Can you guess the
answer? If you can't then turn the
page upside-down and read it under-
neath.

"My first is in ape and also in tape,
My second is in, cape, and also in
gape;

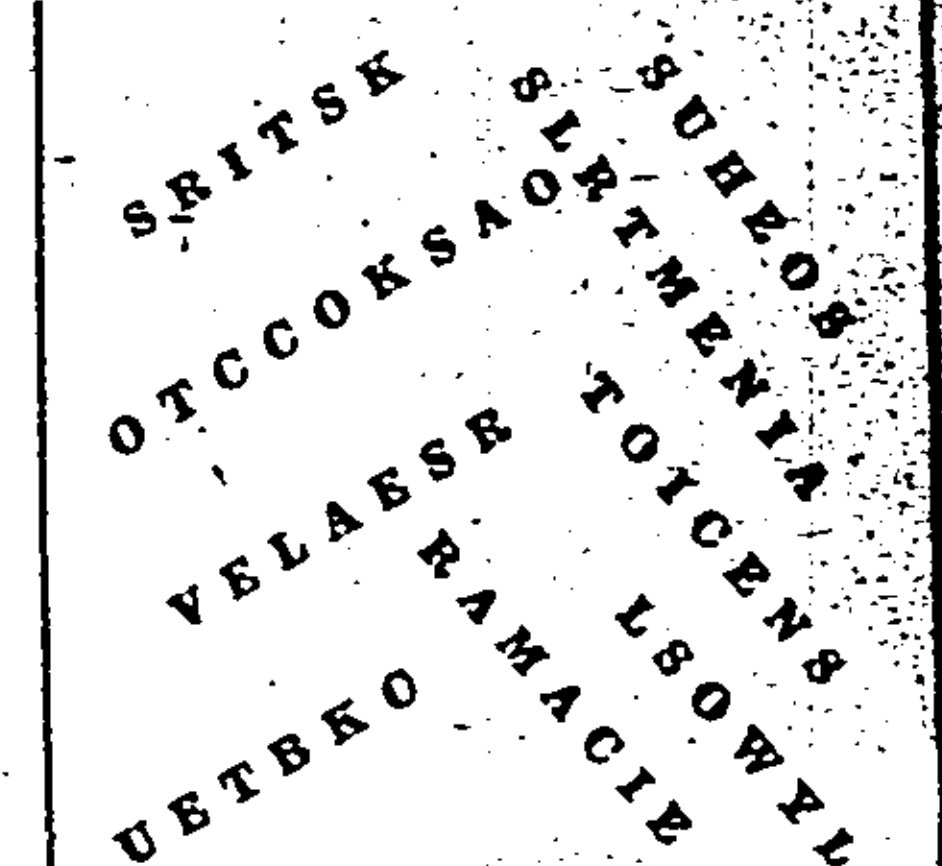
My third is in pipe, but not in wine,
My fourth is in line, but not in nine.

My fifth is in pear and also in bear—
My whole is healthy, but isn't rare."

addy :amsuy

SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS—

Here are some more
Jumbled Words for
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JUMBLED WORDS ANSWERS

Our Serial Story

THREE FOR LUCK

Major Mike Sullivan, ex-policeman, who became a paratroop hero, meets.

Arthur Mayo, millionaire race owner, in the boat from Dublin to Liverpool. An attempt is made to kill Happy Munsterman, hot favourite for the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby. The bid fails, but a docker is murdered as the horse is being unloaded from the ship. An attempt was also made to kill Mike because he found evidence of the attempt to kill the horse. Mike warns Mayo against Diamond Hotchkiss, race gang leader. Following an interview with Mayo, Sullivan decides to go in pursuit of the horsebox carrying Happy Munsterman.

When he came to within 200 yards of the horsebox Mike ordered her to stop.

"And stay here," he ordered tersely. "Understand? When I say stay here. I mean stay here. And turn the car round so that you can get away quickly if things go wrong."

"I understand," Miss Mayo replied with a meekness that he should have suspected.

He leapt from the car and sprinted on his way. When he arrived at the point where the two vehicles were halted, he found that the rearmost one was a horsebox. One man lay prone on the ground. Another was making a last struggle against four attackers.

A Fight

The four did not notice Mike's approach until he was on them. He grasped two by the napes of their necks and brought their heads together with a resounding smack. But, meantime, the long fighter was laid low. Mike was now alone against the four.

The first two he had attacked were staggering and momentarily out of the combat. Mike took a flying dive at a third, grasping him round the waist and hurling him at the stone wall by the road. His head struck it with a dull thud.

But the fourth man was now behind him. As he swung round, he realised that he had a gun in his hand. Mike took a high kick at his waist, but without success. He was a shade too far away.

Mike was now off his balance, and stumbled, almost falling. Probably that stumble saved his life, for the other's revolver snorted flame in the darkness. The bullet missed Mike by so small a margin that he literally felt it whistle past his ear.

He lunged forward before his opponent could shoot again. Grasping his wrist, he forced his arm above his head, and then with the side of his hand struck sharply at the other's forearm. The blow was as if an iron bar had hit him, and the man dropped the gun as his flabby muscles reacted to the pain.

Now the other two were in action again, and for a few seconds there was a general scrum Mike was beginning to find the task a severe one.

And then suddenly there was a great blaze of light almost on them, and a sudden report as of a gun.

The Gun

The three had clearly had enough. A further enemy with a gun was too much for them. They broke away and ran for their car. Mike followed them, but in a three-to-one fight was unable to prevent their getting away.

He watched their tail light disappear in the darkness angrily.

"You know, Mike," said a voice beside him. "I think right now I should tell you one thing. When a man orders me to stay put in a voice that sounds as if he were drilling a company of the Brigade of Guards it always makes me want to disobey. So I disobeyed. By the way I hope you don't mind my calling you Mike? It seems quite a nice name—much more approachable than Major Sullivan, and much less likely to encourage you to regard me

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as a humble soldier being ordered about."

"You win, Moira," he replied with a laugh. "But where did you get the gun?"

"I didn't. I just switched off the ignition, pushed hard on the accelerator, and hoped she would backfire. She did."

"Clever girl." There was real admiration in his voice. "Now let's survey the field of battle."

The two men from the horsebox were struggling to their feet. So was the man Mike had thrown against the wall.

"Get up, you," said Mike, grasping his shoulder. "I want to talk to you. Who sent you here? And how did you know to come here?"

The man made no reply. Mike shook him like a terrier shakes a rat.

"Answer quickly, or I'll give you such a beating that you'll be in hospital for a month."

"The Boss sent us," said the other sullenly.

"And who is the Boss?"

"You can do what you like. I'm not splitting. I want to go on living."

And beyond that he would not budge. But Mike did prise out of him the fact that "the Boss had phoned and said to be here and wait for the so-and-so horsebox."

Missing

When they had turned the miserable gangster over to the police at the next town, Mike drove the horsebox on southwards, Moira following in the other car. (The two men who had set out with the van were too badly knocked about to drive.)

In the early hours, just as dawn was breaking, Mike swept up the drive of Appleton Lodge, the racing establishment of Harry Fortescue, the trainer. He was glad the journey was over. For he was beginning to feel tired.

Moira's car came up a few minutes later. She got out, red about the eyes, and her face grimed with dust.

"I must phone my father," she said. "He'll be getting up soon, and I don't want him to worry."

She went off with Fortescue to the telephone.

When she returned, her face was white and drawn, so that the dust on it looked like a mask.

"They can't find Daddy," she said. "He's not in his room. They say he went out with Beever's about midnight, and hasn't come back."

Three hours later they were back on the road North. Mike insisted that Moira should rest while he tried to get further information by telephone.

But his inquiries had drawn blank. The hotel could not add anything to their statement that Mayo had gone out about midnight with Beever's, except that he had taken his car.

Mike told Tom Satterthwaite, who was at his desk at Liverpool police headquarters, by 8 a.m. of what had happened and asked him to keep an eye open for the missing millionaire.

Deep Fear

Mike drove the car on the return journey. Moira, still very tired from her long drive of the previous night, sat silently beside him. He could sense her deep fear for her father's safety without her putting it into words.

But half the battle in combating fear he knew from his Army days, was to bring it out into the open. So after a while he began to talk himself.

"I'm using you merely as an audience, Moira," he began, "so you don't

need to listen too carefully. Just relax while I clear my own mind by going over my suspicions. First, we know that two attempts have been made on Munsterman. Then we know that Diamond Hotchkiss was very interested in the horse's movements when he was talking to your father—and Diamond and the Diamond Gang are the toughest racing crooks in the country.

"Our original suspicions were confirmed by the further bid last night. But one very important point emerges from that attempt. Only a very few people knew that Munsterman was going to Newmarket through the night. And only six knew the route the horsebox was taking—I have asked the drivers of the box whether they mentioned to anybody else the route I gave them. They say they did not. I believe them, because if they were in the plot they would not have been putting up such a good fight against the gang as they were when we arrived."

"That leaves the four of us who were in the room when you phoned," said Moira.

"Right. Your father, yourself, Beever's and myself. I don't think it is reasonable to consider that your father might have told somebody of our plans—certainly not of the route. You had no chance to do so, even if you had wanted to, because we were together all the time. As for me—well, I suppose you might wonder whether I was not really one of the Diamond Gang after all."

"I think I'll take you at your face value, Mike," said Moira. She smiled at him—the first time she had smiled, he realised, since she had heard of her father's disappearance.

"Anyway," she added, "it would not be very logical to suspect you. But for you the horse would never have got to Newmarket safely. And you were nearly killed in guarding it. So, even if I were a suspicious type, I should have to rule you out as a possible enemy."

"I should have been killed but for your presence of mind," Mike commented. "Remember to remind me sometime that I must say, 'thank you.' Because I'm very grateful—I don't want to die until..."

"Until...?" "Ah, that is another story," Mike realised that he did not want to die until he had seen a great deal more of Moira. But this was no time to tell her that.

"So we are left with one other suspect," he went on. "Beever's was in the room when I gave the route to the driver. Beever's disliked the idea of my helping to guard Happy Munsterman. Beever's went out with your father last night. In fact, all along the line, I think, our Mr. Beever's wants very careful watching."

When they arrived at Mayo's hotel in Liverpool there was still no word of him. While Moira went up to her father's suite, Mike walked round to the garage. The man who had been on duty the night before was no longer there, but his mate who took the day shift appeared to know all about what had happened.

"Mr. Mayo went out in his car, my mate told me," he said in answer to Mike's queries. "The chauffeur was driving. Another tall chap was with Mr. Mayo."

An Address

Mike asked for the address of the night garage attendant, and set off in the Bentley to find him. The man had just got up when he arrived at his house.

"I don't want to waste your time," Mike began, "but was there anything at all odd about the way in which Mr. Mayo left? Did he look well? Or did he seem to be being forced to go?"

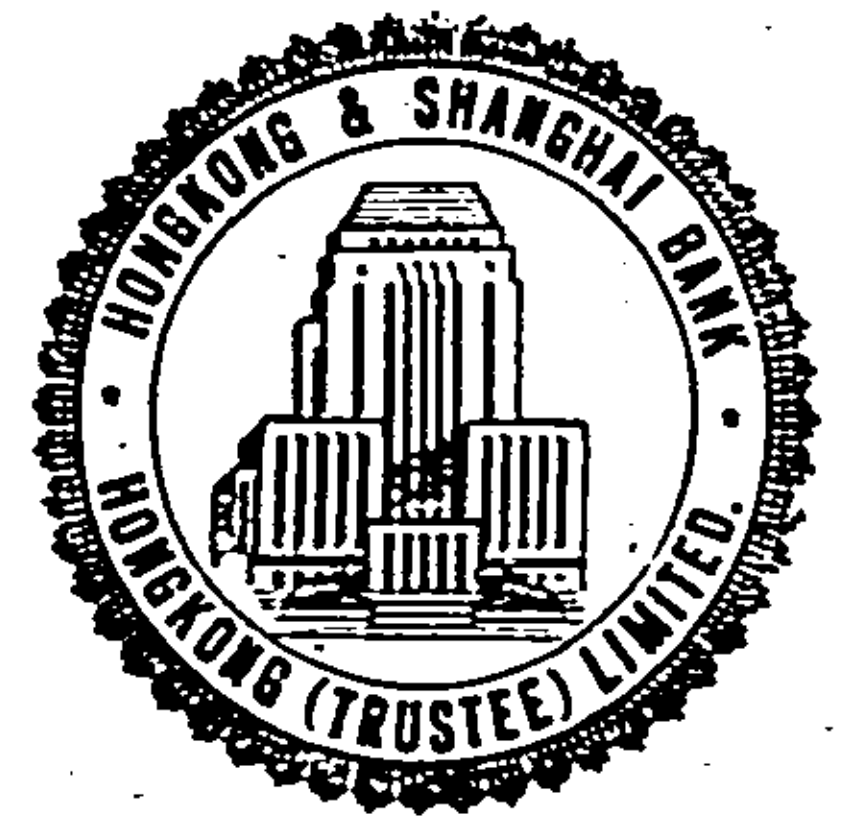
"Looked all right. He certainly wasn't being forced. In fact, he was in a great hurry to go. Told the chauffeur there was no time to waste and to find out the quickest way."

"And how did the chauffeur do that—find out the quickest way?"

"Asked me, of course. He don't know his way about these parts."

"Where did he ask you to direct him, then?" Mike felt the scent was getting warmer.

"St. Hilda's Cottage Hospital. It's between here and Manchester. Little mining village. Not much of a place for a man like Mr. Mayo to want to go to at that time of night. But I think he wanted to see somebody who had been hurt in an accident."



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Mike thanked him and returned to the hotel. He found Moira in the sitting-room looking intently at a scribbling-pad.

"There's something here I want to show you," she said, before he could tell her his news. "This is my father's note-pad. He always had a pad and pencil with him. He had a funny trick of drawing and scribbling when he was talking at his desk or on the phone. 'Lots of people do that.' 'Doodling,' they call it."

"Yes, I know. Well, these 'doodles' are queer. Daddy has written my name and your name. Then he has drawn a diamond. Then he has written the word 'accident.'"

"It all fits in. Your father went out with Beever's in the car to go to a little hospital on the road from here to Manchester—the road we used. Somebody phoned him and said we had been hurt in an accident. Or else Beever's said he had taken a message to that effect. I don't trust your friend Beever's one little bit."

Mike went to the phone. When he got through to Satterthwaite, he asked him to make enquiries whether Mayo's car had actually gone to the St. Hilda's Cottage Hospital during the night.

Within a quarter of an hour he received news that no such car and no such group of people had been there.

"He's probably gone off to Newmarket," added Tom Satterthwaite.

"He wouldn't do that without leaving a message," said Moira when Mike passed this suggestion on to her. "He always told me where he was. He knew I should worry otherwise."

"I'm going out to this hospital," replied Mike. "While I'm gone, phone Fortescue at Newmarket and make sure that your father hasn't gone there."

"I'll phone before you go. I want to come with you—in case..."

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Health Page

New Aid For Brain Specialists

In the words of the Bible man can be "weighed in the balance and found wanting"; the fact that man can also be tested electrically and that any deficiencies in him may in this way be uncovered, is a scientific discovery of recent years. But since it has been known that man himself is "electric" too, that is to say, transmits waves, scientists and doctors have invented several types of instruments with the help of which man can be more thoroughly examined and any disturbances in his mental equilibrium investigated to an extent hitherto impossible.

The latest model of a discovery in this field was recently to be seen at "Radiolympia" in London where it was demonstrated. This discovery is the Electro-Encephalograph, an apparatus which at first glance could easily be mistaken for a permanent waving machine, especially were a patient being examined at the time. But this error would only be possible from a fleeting glance, because, as its Greek name implies, the Electro-Encephalograph records the waves transmitted from the brain and its object is to serve doctors as a vital means of diagnosis. Its primary use is as an investigation apparatus for brain specialists to enable them to detect brain disorders more easily than hitherto, such as brain tumours, epileptic conditions, certain pathological mental states and head injuries. It should be pointed out of course, that the apparatus does not replace existing methods of investigation,

neither does it mechanise them, but rather supplements them.

Furthermore, the Electro-Encephalograph can be used in other fields of medicine such as Electro-Myography, the recording of muscle action potentials; Electro-Cardiography, the recording of the action of the heart muscle by measuring the difference in the heart's action when relaxed or active; and in industry where, for example, vibrations can be measured.

In principle the Electro-Encephalograph is an oscillograph. Electrical oscillation, known to every radio mechanic and scientist, is an electrical alternating current produced in a circuit by electromagnetic wireless waves. The frequency of the oscillation, that is the stroke of the recording needle, depends upon self-inductance and the capacity of the circuit. As the brain generates such waves, it is possible to record them by bringing the patient's scalp into contact with pairs of silver/silver chloride electrodes. The complex electrical waves which are generated by brain-cell activity are picked up by the electrodes and fed to six very high gain amplifiers. The outputs from these amplifiers then drive the direct-writing pen recorders.

Written In Ink

The lines, written in ink on ordinary paper, drawn by these pen recorders are called oscillograms. They provide information as to the condition of the patient during the process of investigation by means of the Electro-Encephalograph as well as serving as a permanent record of the patient's case history as these oscillograms can be picked up in order to be examined later and used for comparison purposes. The difference between the Electro-Encephalograph and other existing instruments used for the same purposes, such as cardiographs, is that the record is not taken photographically which must then be developed and is, therefore, not available until some time later. But because ink and pen are sufficient the recording and investigation process is made cheaper which is not an unimportant factor as relatively long Electro-Encephalograph records are taken of each patient.

We do not intend to go into the technical details and methods of operation of the Electro-Encephalograph here as these are not necessary for the non-professional reader. It should, however, be mentioned that the Electro-Encephalograph is equipped with every conceivable type of auxiliary instruments, such as pilot lamps which indicate the ink reservoir level or even warn the doctor when the paper threatens to run out.

The Electro-Encephalograph was shown for the first time to the public at large at Radiolympia. The Edison-Swan Electric Company's stand where the apparatus was exhibited, was crowded constantly not only with interested onlookers but with voluntary "patients" who were anxious to see what their brains looked like. The Electro-Encephalograph is already in use in a few British hospitals and doctors regard it as a valuable aid to diagnosis.

Sore Throat.—By A Family Doctor

"How long has his throat been sore?" I asked Mrs. Hesson, after a preliminary look at her eight-year-old David.

"About a couple of days," she answered, "but, of course, it's much worse today and he's a sick boy, too."

"He's been protected against diphtheria, I suppose?" I asked.

"Well, no," she said. "We've always been meaning to get him immunised but we've never really got round to it."

"We'll see, what his temperature is," I said. Feeling in my vest pocket for my clinical thermometer, I suddenly realised that I'd left it at the house I'd last visited.

"So sorry," I said. "I've forgotten my thermometer. Lend me yours, please, would you?"

"Actually, we haven't one," said Mrs. Hesson. "I never believe in using too much about your health. If you keep a thermometer in the house, someone's always bound to be thinking they're ill."

I took David's pulse and found it to be rapid. He had nasty-looking tonsils with yellowish-grey patches on them. He said his throat was sore to swallow and he didn't want anything to eat. I took a swab.

At lunch-time Mrs. Hesson rang to tell me that David's temperature was 103.

This evening I was able to report to Mrs. Hesson that the diagnosis was tonsillitis, not diphtheria.

"I advise you to have him immunised just as soon as he recovers from this," I said.

"There really is no excuse for not having a child protected these days."

"By the way, Doctor," she said, as I was leaving, "we really haven't any medical equipment or first-aid material in the house. What do you suggest I should have handy?"

I suggested an antiseptic, such as methylated spirit or peroxide, some bandages, cotton wool and strapping, a little boracic for use with an eye-bath, and a good pair of small tweezers for taking out splinters.

Old Days Weren't So Very Good

There are still a great many people (mostly men) who think that human beings were happier and healthier and lived longer in the good old days.

Old Fred Jones repeated it when he protested about his latest grandchild being "fussed over."

"Orange juice, cod-liver oil and all the latest fads are poured down the poor little brat's neck all day long," said Fred fiercely.

"When I was a boy we weren't molly-coddled and were all the healthier. Boys grew big and strong on plain food."

Actually, when Fred Jones was a boy, children were smaller and less healthy. Infantile mortality figures were not as good as they are today. The death rate of infants 200 years ago was 10 times higher.

Myths About The Bloodstream

Mary Yorke said she would like something to purify her blood.

"What's the matter with it?" I asked.

"Oh, you know," said Mary vaguely. "I get pimples and things and my skin doesn't seem to heal easily when I get a cut. Besides, I feel out of order."

"I don't think it has anything to do with your blood," I said.

It turned out that there was little wrong with Mary except that she seemed to be eating an undue amount of carbohydrates (including a lot of chocolates) and very little else.

We put her on the path of dietetic rectitude and comforted her with the statement that her blood was merely a vehicle transporting the end-product of what she ate and what she breathed to various parts of the body.

There are probably more myths about the blood than any other part of the body. It isn't an organ in itself. Rather is it a reflection, in some ways, of how we are living. It doesn't thin for the summer and thicken for the winter.

Secrets of Paint And Powder

Beauty hints from this week's reading.

Plain Truths: "It's what is in a woman's face rather than what's on it that matters."

"Happiness is quite the best cosmetic."

Warnings: "We do not grind the pearl upon the polishing stone. What is really beautiful needs no adornment."

"Beauties are tyrants, and if they can reign

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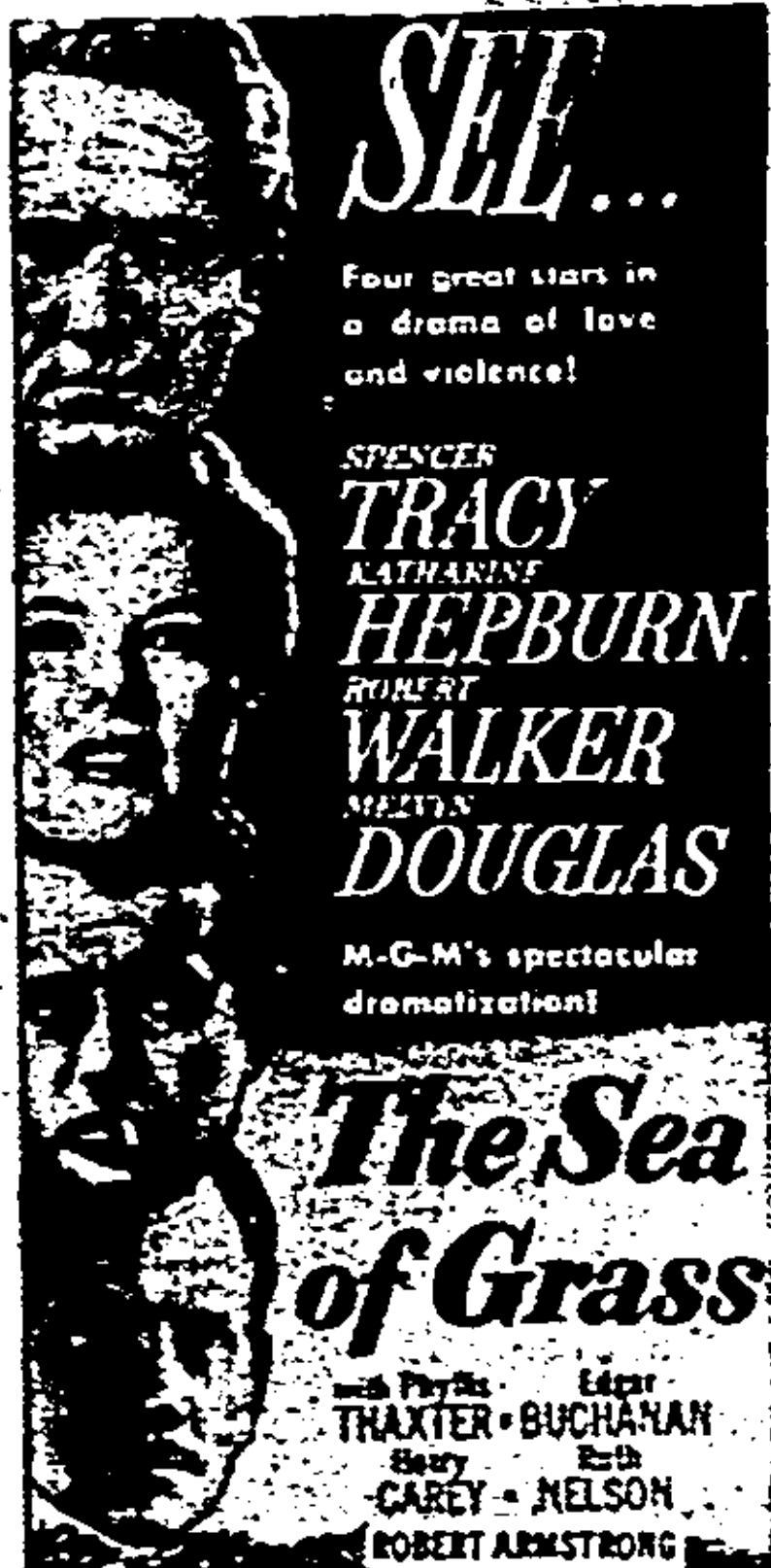
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Talking about Films

Looking at 1947 is like looking at an Impressionist painting with its thick impasto. Close up, it is a muddle. Back away a bit—assuming there is room; I know of a number of works for which Bond-street is too narrow—and the pieces begin to fall into place, the design takes on coherence.

What, I wonder, will the intelligent fan remember in 1957, or 1948 for that matter?

Well, we have lost, in Fields and Raimu, two of the greatest comedians the screen has known; old masters, of ripe personality and flawless technique. Though I never met them, I still feel a pang, as for old and dear friends lost. A third comedian, bigger than either, chose to commit suicide and reappear in a brand new personality and a brand-new role—that of the satirist-preacher, roughly what Dean Swift might have been if he had come to Canterbury via Moscow, mocking an outmoded Christian morality with a Modest Proposal for Liquidating Surplus Women. I might have forgiven the philosophy if Mr. Chaplin had made me laugh more—if Monsieur Verdoux had ended on the same gay prophetic note as, say, the Marx-Engels Manifesto of 1848: "You have nothing to lose but your chains."

What else shall we remember? A vast deal of brutality—the thump of fist on flesh, close-ups of bloodied faces. Could we not have more comedy and less cruelty, please? I am not, I hope, as glibly as some J.P.s. ("Please, sir, I saw it on the films"). Nevertheless, I believe that sadistic orgies like Brute Force can only blunt minds already injured by events to cruelty.

Next? The boom in Freud, of course—film after film exploring the subconscious, often inches deep. Fans now realize that it is not enough to show the face and hands of the human clock; we want to know what makes it tick. Sometimes we are shown—brilliantly, in the case of Mine Own Executioner, effectively in The Locket and other pieces. Soon, I hope, we shall have Sir Laurence Olivier's Hamlet to remind us that an Elizabethan, and even certain Greeks, found it possible to explore the dark caverns of the mind without benefit of Freud.

And the Ten Best Films? I find judgment more than ordinarily difficult. How are you to compare the gorgeous pageantry and stylized, artificial wit of An Ideal Husband with the brutal, sombre realism of Crossfire? The Road to Rio is a brilliant example of a kind of American comedy that I happen to like. How can you measure its witty inconsequence against the grace and sympathy of The Well-Digger's Daughter or even such agreeable trifles as Bachelor Knight and Margie and The Hucksters? What has The Yearling, with its lyric charm, to do with Open City or Shoe Shine, except that all three are about children?

Having admitted that the thing simply can't be done, I will make my usual shot at it. If you disagree (as you will) I can only point out again that this, like picking a World XI, is a sport open to all:

Mine Own Executioner (British).
Vivere In Pace (Italian).
The Best Years of Our Lives (American).
Boomerang (American).
Odd Man Out (British).
The Well-Digger's Daughter (French).
La Symphonie Pastorale (French).
Panique (French).
Black Narcissus (British).
Monsieur La Souris (French).
The last, otherwise unimportant, is included as a parting tribute to Raimu, seen here at his enchanting best. Others uncommonly good in whole or in part include Open City, Hue and Cry, They Won't Believe Me, The Web and Ramrod (a Western of horrifying violence).

Cheyney Film

Michael Rennie will play Slim Callaghan, Peter Cheyney's tough private detective, in the film version of "Uneasy Terms."

This is the first of Cheyney's numerous books to be filmed. It is hoped that through it Rennie will create a new film character comparable to "The Saint."

Peter Cheyney himself has written the script, and has given it all the speed and action that makes his books popular.

He has been offered a permanent appointment as script writer with British National, who are making the film, but has turned it down.

Stars Strike

Patricia Roc is the second J. Arthur Rank star within the past month to walk out of a picture because she considered her part unsuitable.

After two week's shooting, she has refused to go on with her part in "London Belongs To Me."

Margaret Lockwood, who walked out of "Red Roses For Your Pillow," has not yet been cast in another film, but says she does not regret her decision.

Patricia Roc explained: "I want to play a role in which I can be glamorous and wear lovely clothes, and show some signs of a sense of humour."

"In 'London Belongs To Me,' I play a Cockney part. I'm tired of Cockney parts."

She has made producer Sidney Gilliat see her point of view, and there are no hard feelings about her walk-out.

She expects to be given another role soon.

Marta Toren

One of Hollywood's most important importations, this year is Swedish actress Marta Toren.

She has begun work on her first American film—a big-budget remake of "Algiers."

Many American actresses had hoped for the role and Marta's selection came as a surprise, although nobody doubts her ability.

Charles Boyer, Hedy Lamarr and Siene Hasso starred in the original "Algiers."

In the new version, a musical, 21-year-old Marta plays Hedy Lamarr's role, and the other principals are Tony Martin and Yvonne de Carlo.

The new film, previously titled "A Woman's Vengeance," has been changed to "Casbah"—the exotic native quarter of Algiers.

Like all her countrywomen, Miss Toren is tall and fair, gracious, friendly, and delightfully refined. She is a change from interviewing some of the brash American youngsters.

Miss Toren has the loveliest eyes deep blue, almost Oriental in shape, with long dark lashes.

Marta is a graduate of Stockholm Dramatic Academy, Alma Mater of Ingrid Bergman and Viveca Lindfors.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. An emu and a kangaroo.
2. A concertina is a "portable musical instrument consisting of a pair of bellows, usually polygonal in form, with a set of keys at each end" (acknowledgments to Oxford). A concertino, on the other hand, is a small or unpretentious concerto.
3. Pamela Kellino-Actor James Mason.
Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick A. Montague Browning-Daphne du Maurier.
Theresa Wright-Niven Busch.
Gloria Vanderbilt-Leopold Stokowski.
Jeanette MacDonald-Actor Gene Raymond.
Harry James-Betty Grable.
4. 1744—four balls to an over; 1889—increased to five balls; 1900—increased to six; 1939—increased to eight; 1944—returned to six.

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Oriental.—"Bataan."—One of the better war films.

Central.—"Johnny Angle."—No data.

Majestic.—"National Velvet"—A racing theme, with Mickey Rooney up to his usual antics.

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THE PROMS

Only two works are being played in tonight's Proms Concert from ZBW—Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 and Beethoven's Ninth (The "Choral") Symphony for grand orchestra, soprano, alto, tenor, bass and chorus. Due to the length of the two works—the former runs for 15 minutes and the latter for just over an hour—the programme notes may have to be somewhat shorter than usual.

The Brandenburg Concertos were six concerto grosso-design works written by J. S. Bach for different combinations of instruments with strings and continuo as a background. They get their name because Bach dedicated and presented them to the Markgraf of Brandenburg in 1721 (they apparently left the M. of B. cold, as there is no record of his having done anything about it). In these concertos, Bach very successfully gave certain instruments a sort of personality of their own against the string background. The orchestration for No. 4, for instance, is for two flutes, a violin and strings; in all six concertos, the harpsichord provides the continuo.

The "Choral" symphony, of course, gets its name from the fact that, in defiance of practice and tradition, Beethoven introduced a choir and four soloists into the last movement. It was the last of Beethoven's symphonies and, due to his deafness, he never heard a note of it. A tenth, in E Flat Major, was complete in his mind and a sketch of it lay on his desk when he died.

Written during his third, greatest and most miserable period, the "Choral" is such wonderful music that it makes one rail against the Fate which let him die at the age of 57. Up to 1814, Beethoven was still climbing to the heights of prosperity. Then came the emotional crash—his brother's death, lawsuits, attempts to form a home of his own, domestic worries and wretchedness, the last stages of his deafness, bad health and actual want of money. The wonder is that Beethoven wrote any music at all, let alone his greatest.

This symphony was written, roughly, between the years 1817 and 1823, and Julius Harrison calls it "the truest musical conception of humanity ever penned; its message, the triumph of man over every obstacle." Never, perhaps, has what psychologists call the power of over-compensation been more vividly illustrated. In the composition of this work, Beethoven's brain rose above the defects of his body and the deficiencies of his surroundings; the symphony took complete possession of him and he ignored the sun and the rain, forgot his meals, ignored discomfort, didn't notice the neglect of his servants, and lived in conditions of utter squalor and dirt. He had considerable trouble in his mind—finding great difficulty in relating the vocal portion of the last movement with the preceding instrumental movements—and nothing in the physical world was worthy of his attention. The result is Beethoven's masterpiece. As Dannreuther wrote in "MacMillan's Magazine" as long ago as July, 1876:—

"Beethoven speaks a language no one has spoken before, and treats of things no one has dreamt of before; yet it seems as though he were speaking of matters long familiar, in one's mother's tongue; as though he touched upon emotions one has lived through in some former existence...."

THE HAMBOURGS

The Hambourgs—father and daughter—are an interesting example of inherited gifts. Michal is the third daughter of the pianist Mark Hambourg and showed at a very early age she had inherited her father's gifts. She was only eight years old when he allowed her to make a gramophone record with him. Her first concert was at the age of eleven, with her cousin, Charles Hambourg, as her conductor.

She has taken part in Prom and the National Gallery midday concerts, and has broadcast many times since she made her London debut two years before the war. She will be the soloist this week with the BBC Symphony Orchestra (Sir Adrian Boult cond.), playing Chopin's "Concerto No. 2 in F Minor" for piano and orchestra. Broadcast in the General Overseas Service on Monday at 1230 hours H.K. Time and Tuesday at 1915 hours.

GRAM CONCERT

Subject to any last-minute changes, the following will be the programme for Friday's gramophone concert at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon:—

Overture "Cosi Fan Tutte" (Mozart); "Every Valley Shall be Exalted" and "Comfort Ye, My People," from Handel's "Messiah"; Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in A Minor (the "Italian"); Delibes' "Coppelia" ballet suite; and Beethoven's Concerto in D Major for Violin and Orchestra. Soloists to be heard during the concert include Walter Widdop (Tenor) and Jascha Heifetz (Violin).

WAVE-LENGTHS

The 16 and 19 metre waveband transmissions of the BBC, which have served Hong Kong so well in recent months, are now fading out, and this week I found stronger, clearer signals on the 25 and 31 metre wavebands. Confirmation of this has now been received direct from the BBC, which suggests that the following wavebands will prove to be the best for the periods stated:—

Morning (in Hong Kong):—31 and 49 metres.

Afternoon:—19, 25 and 31 metres.

Evening:—19, 25 and 31 metres.

SEGOVIA

That great Spanish guitar virtuoso, Andres Segovia, is now making his first visit to Britain since before the war, and will be heard in the "Music in Miniature" broadcasts this week. He will be heard with Colin Horslev, the New Zealand pianist, Owen Branigan, baritone, and the Hirsch String Quintet.

Segovia has lifted the status of the guitar to that of a serious and important solo instrument. He himself has broken away from the Spanish tradition in many respects and has introduced an entirely fresh technique of guitar playing. His skill and musicianship have impressed concert audiences the world over and composers in many countries have written works especially for him. Segovia himself has discovered and edited works by great composers of the past and with his guitar has given memorable interpretations of their music. Tune to General Overseas Service—Monday 2115 hours H.K. Time, Tuesday 1515 hours and Thursday 0715.

He will celebrate the 20th anniversary of his American debut with a Town Hall recital this month.

STRAVINSKY

Igor Stravinsky is now working on a new opera, to be published by Boosey & Hawkes. The libretto will be written by W. H. Auden, and the theme of the opera, which is to be in three acts, will be Hogarth's engraving—"The Rake's Progress." The opera will call for four or five soloists, an orchestra of about 25 instruments and a chorus which is to play an important part in the musical development of the work.

It'll be quite a while yet before the opera is published. The latest reports from America say he has not yet even started and he himself does not promise any score for at least two years. He is busy on other music at the moment and in March is to visit New York for the premiere of his ballet "Orpheus." This ballet is composed in collaboration with Balanchine (choreographer) and will be presented by the Ballet Society. P.S.—You may remember a recent ZBW broadcast of Gavin Gordon's "The Rake's Progress," based on these same pictures.

RUBATO

In addition to his rare musical talent, Sir Thomas Beecham brings to his conducting a dry, quiet wit. Recently he was conducting a modern work which includes an exceedingly difficult passage for the flute. The passage was played a number of times, but Tommy could not induce the flutist to give him the proper tempo.

"I'm sorry," he finally said, "but we have lingered here as long as we can. We must go on to the next movement." Then, turning to the laggard flutist, he genially added:—"You'll keep in touch with us, won't you?"

QUOTATION

"We had the pleasure, the other evening, of listening with astonishment to the transmission of music by telegraph over the wires from Boston to New York. We happened to be in the office, No. 5, Hanover Street, in this city, when there was a pause in business operations. Mr. W. Porter, a young but skilful operator in the Boston office, asked us what time we could have."

"We replied 'Yankee Doodle,' and to our surprise he immediately complied with our request. The instrument commenced drumming the notes of the tune as perfectly and distinctly as a skilful drummer could have made them at the head of a regiment; and many will be astonished to hear that 'Yankee Doodle' can travel by lightning...."

"So perfectly and distinctly were the sounds of these tunes transmitted that good instrumental performers could have had no difficulty in keeping time with the instruments at this end of the wires. This is one of many telegraphic novelties."—From the "New York Herald," 1849.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Owen Lattimore, former political adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. (12.1.48).
2. Portuguese colony of Macao. (12.1.48).
3. Colonel Luis Taruc. (13.1.48).
4. At Samaria and Galilee. (13.1.48).
5. Sultan Sjahrir. (13.1.48).
6. Gandhi hopes to bring about unity between the Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems. (14.1.48).
7. Dr. Wang Shih-chieh. (15.1.48).



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Over six hundred members and their ladies attended the Cocktail party given at the new "Zetland Hall" premises of the local masonic fraternity, to mark the opening. Major and Mrs. Miles and Mr. and Mrs. Perry are shown in the picture above.



Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Stoker being greeted on their arrival by Mr. W. K. Hollands.



One of the sixteen young prize-winners in the "Sunday Herald—Queen's Theatre" Competition, linked with "Song of the South," receiving his award at the Theatre last Sunday.

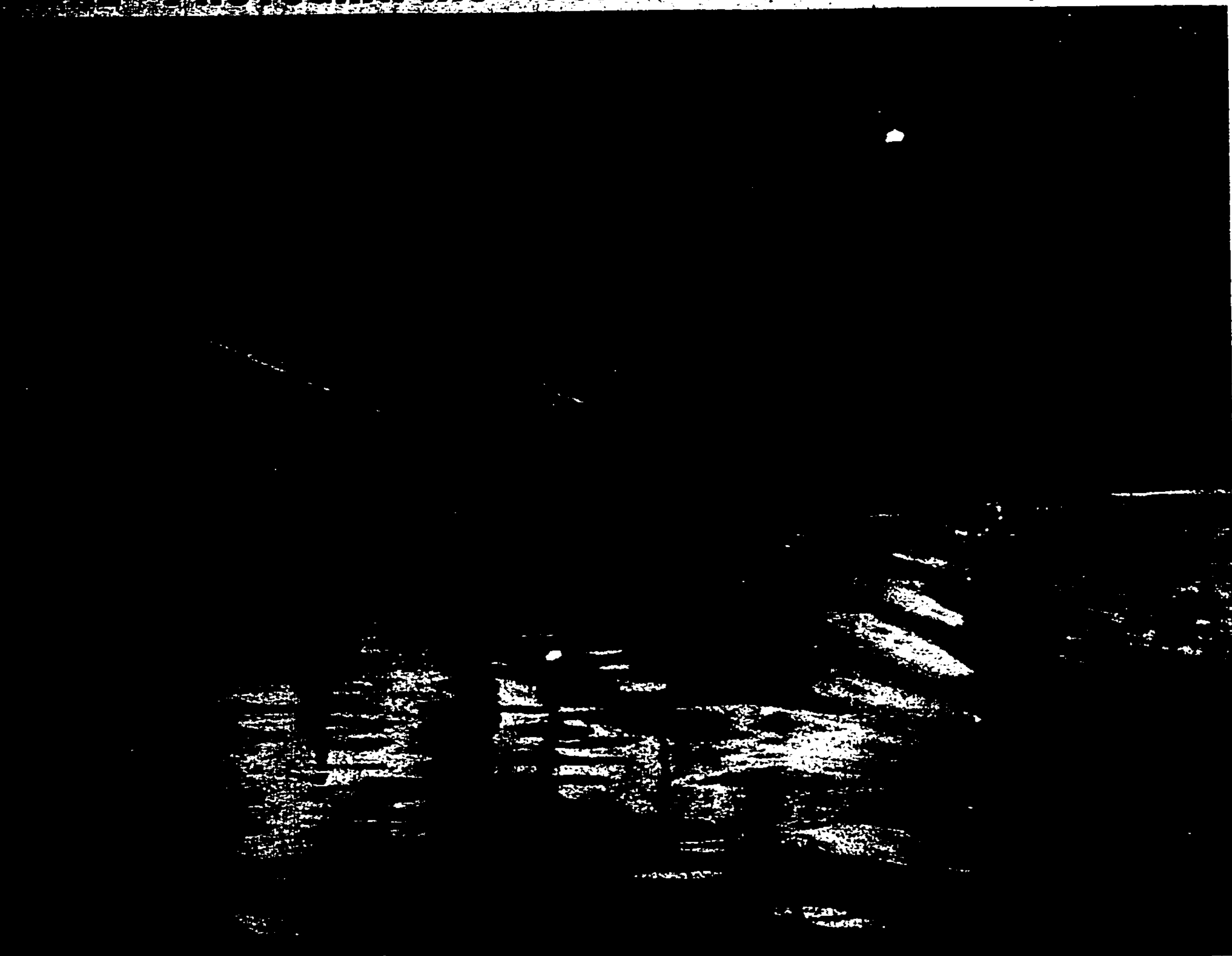


Two cheerful groups taken at King's Building, where the new Zetland Hall is situated. (All the above pictures were taken by Francis Wu).



The Hong Kong-Canton air ferry service, organised by H. K. Airways, was inaugurated last Saturday with a special flight. Above are shown those who made the first H.K. Airways trip, picture on the left showing officials of the company and the crew, and that on the right, the passengers. (K. A. Watson-Gainsborough).

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION PRIZE-WINNERS



"Idle Morning"

By Lai Yat-fung.



"The Winner"

Makui Ho.

A further announcement regarding the awards of the Grand Prizes in the "Sunday Herald" Photographic Competition will be found in another page



SECTION A, 2nd Prize.

"Tanned"

By S. K. Yuen.

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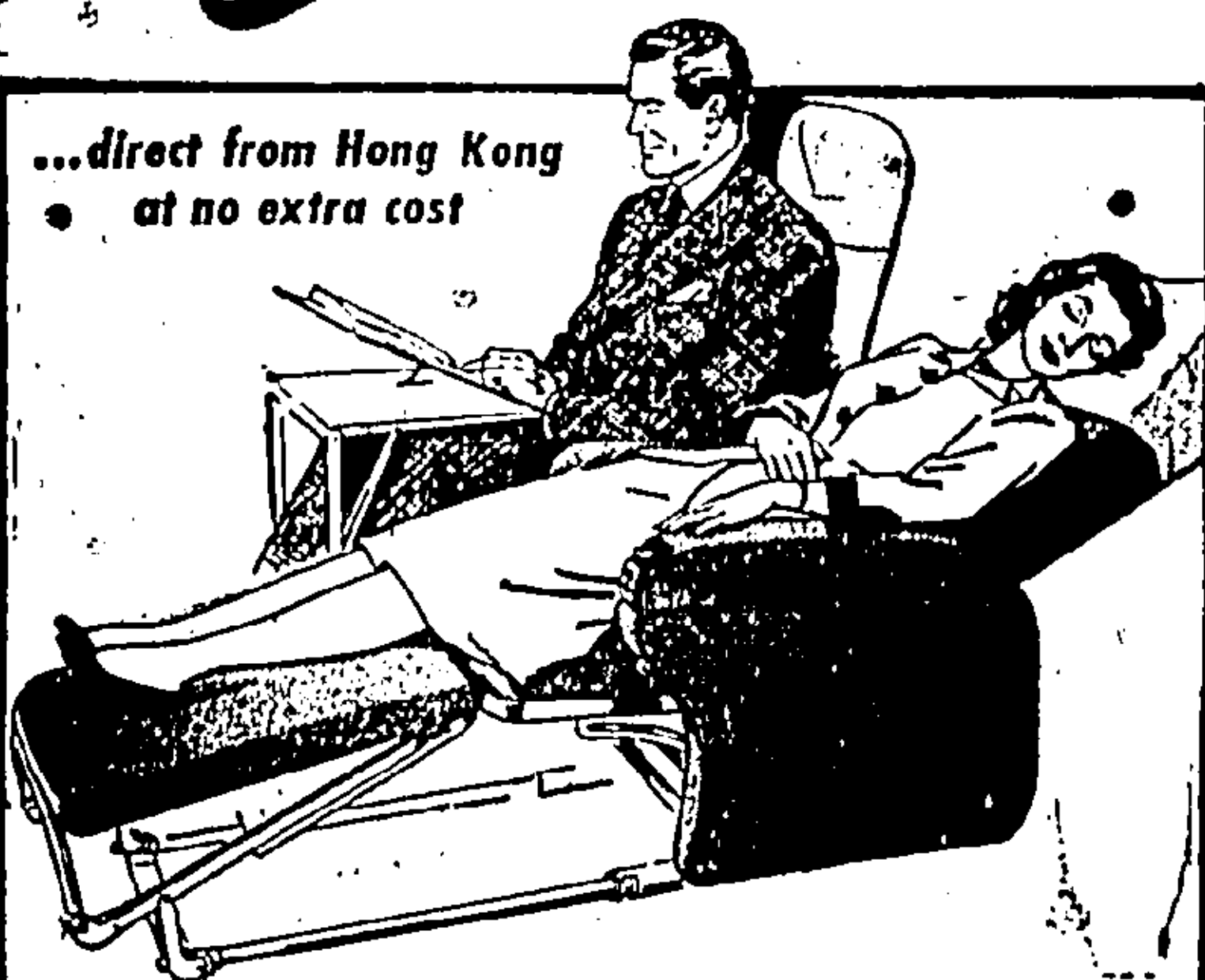
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Lords Reform:

PEERS MAY BE PAID SALARY

London, Jan. 17.

A committee of Conservative peers consisting of the Marquess of Salisbury, Viscount Swinton, Viscount Simon, Lord Woolton, Lord Harlech, Lord Soubury and Lord Mancroft, has been considering the situation arising out of the Government Bill to curtail the suspensory power of the Upper Chamber.

The Bill will come before the Lords shortly, and will be rejected because it makes no attempt to deal with the constitution of the Lords.

AUSTERITY IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Jan. 17.

Tea dances were banned, the licences of dancing schools recalled and the registration of dance hostesses terminated as from yesterday in accordance with instructions of the Central Government.

The Social Affairs Bureau, acting jointly with the Police Bureau, closed all dance schools yesterday.

Policewomen and youth police were dispatched to closed the establishments. —Reuter.

Prompt Aid To China Urged

New York, Jan. 17.

The Board of Directors of the Foreign Trade Council today urged "prompt and most adequate aid to China," but at the same time demanded that China agree to permit private business to operate without restrictions.

The Council, which represents 1,500 United States foreign trade interests, sent its views to various United States government agencies, including the War and State Departments, and various Cabinet members.

The Council warned, "Exclusion of private business would be unwise and unsound and unrepayable damage economic development in China and seriously retard business and commercial relations between China and the United States."

The Council also declared that "trade is being impaired by continued use of Chinese Government purchasing agencies as exemplified by the Universal Trading Corporation and previously by the China Salvo Commission, which is displacing private enterprise operations between the two countries." —United Press.

The Conservative peers have reached certain agreed conclusions, most of which have figured in previous plans for the reform of the House of Lords. These, I understand, are that:—

(1) Hereditary principle must be abandoned as the main basis of membership of the House, but that unless the Monarchy is to be left as the sole example of the hereditary principle, and thereby weakened, the principle ought to be retained to a severely limited extent, but only where long public service warrants it.

To Be Paid?

(2) membership of the Lords should be reduced to about 300, with approximately equal party representation and a middle-non-party section, selected on a representative basis acceptable to all parties.

(3) If the Labour representation in the Lords is to be increased by about 70 (giving each party approximately 100 members, with 100 unattached members), consideration must be given to the question of payment of peers in a reformed House.

Members of the Commons are paid now, but members of the House of Lords are not.

These are not intended to be counter-proposals to the Government Bill. The Conservative peers feel that reform of the Lords must come from the Government, which has refused to consider it now. While abusing the constitution of the House of Lords, the Government makes no attempt to reform it on comprehensive lines, in which the co-operation of the Conservative peers would be assured.

In considering the situation in detail, and in reaching general conclusions, the Conservative peers are widely preparing for the constitutional conflict which now seems inescapable. —Our Own Correspondent.

A REMINDER

Seoul, Jan. 17.

The first order of business of the United Nations Commission for Korea will be to remind the unrepresented members of the commission—the Soviet Union and the Soviet Republics of the responsibilities to participate in the conference on Korean independence.

The commission adopted an agenda today at a three and one half hour closed meeting which was highlighted by consideration of the General Assembly resolution calling upon member states to "afford every assistance and facility to the commission in fulfillment of its responsibilities." —Associated Press.

KING DECORATES SIX GENERALS

London, Jan. 17.

Six generals have been decorated by the King in recognition of distinguished services in the Allied cause, the London Gazette announced tonight.

Three received the Distinguished Service Medal. They are: General Sir Miles Christopher Dempsey, who at 47 commanded the British Second Army into France and Germany and last year retired as Commander-in-Chief, Middle East.

Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Edgeworth Morgan, who was released from his duties as Chief of Displaced Persons Operations in Germany and retired from the Army. Major-General Sir Francis Wilfred de Guingond, wartime Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Lord Montgomery.

Three generals received the Legion of Merit degree. They are: General Sir Neil Melhuish, Commander-in-Chief Far East Land Forces, who was only 44 when he was appointed to command the British Eighth Army in Libya against General Rommel.

Lt. Gen. Richard Nelson Gale, who had a brilliant career as the leader of airborne troops in Normandy.

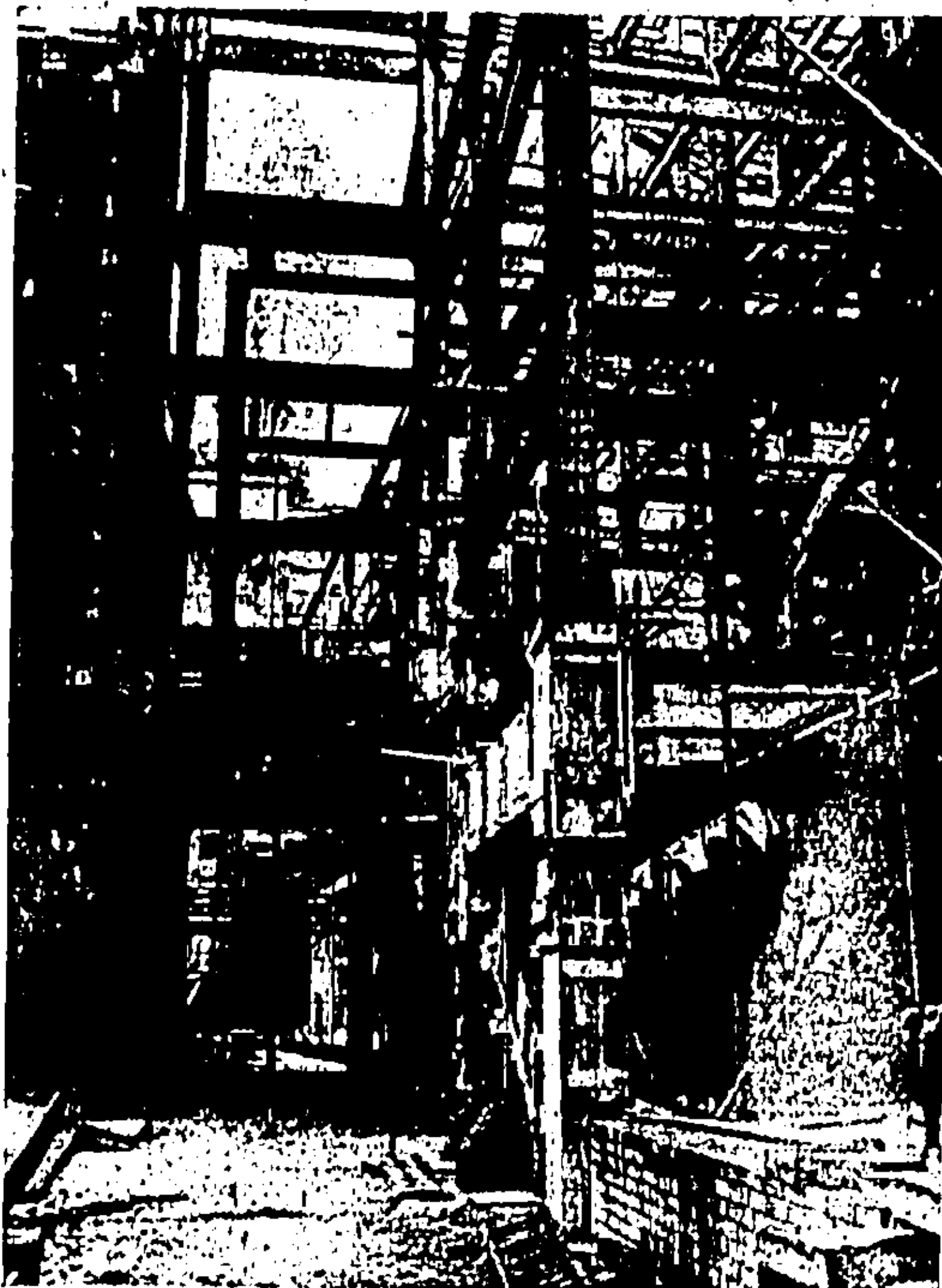
Lt. Gen. Sir Brian Gwynne Horrocks who was one of Lord Montgomery's commanders in France in 1944 and Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine. —Reuter.

CHINA AID PLAN

Washington, Jan. 17.

Mr. Willard Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, today said that a long-range programme of aid for China would be submitted to Congress "in a matter of days." —United Press.

New House's Rise



The new chamber of the House of Commons, taking the place of the chamber destroyed in the blitz, has been designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. Throughout the past year the construction of the steel skeleton has been proceeding within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster, London. This general view shows part of the completed steel skeleton of the building, with Big Ben in background. The next task will be to clothe the skeleton with cliffram stone (quarried in Rutlandshire) and it is hoped the Members will move into the new chamber from their present quarters in the House of Lords early in 1950. (Associated Press Photo).

B.O.A.C.'s Losses On Far East Route

London, Jan. 17.

Figures showing actual losses on various scheduled services were not given in the British Overseas Airways Corporation's report.

It was stated that, out of the total deficit of £2,271,051 for the year ended March 31 last, the deficit on the operation of scheduled services amounted to £1,218,432. This figure is split up among the different services as follows:—

Service	Deficit
U.K.—Near East	£1,218,432
U.K.—India—Malaya	1,140,711
U.K.—Far East	216,689
U.K.—W. Africa—Egypt	375,155
Middle East	609,729
Horseshoe route, Durban—Cairo—Karachi (now discontinued)	639,682
Bermuda—Baltimore	166,296
Return ferry pilot service, Britain—Canada	221,620
North Atlantic	778,066
U.K.—South Africa	584,327
European service	408,173
U.K.—Australia	812,171
Total	£2,271,051

Against this there was a profit of £12,501 from non-scheduled services, including charter of planes to firms and individuals. The net deficit on the operation of scheduled services was subsequently £2,258,550. A B.O.A.C. spokesman emphasised that the indicated deficit of £2,278,066 for the North Atlantic service did not represent the present position. It covered the periods when the Constellations were grounded and when only a few services weekly could be maintained.

Now that the Constellations were maintaining about seven Transatlantic services weekly in both directions, five on the New York route and two on the route to Montreal, the position was very different.

The operating revenues and costs on the Constellation Transatlantic service were now about even; but the latest figures were not yet available. —Our Own Correspondent.

BRITAIN STAYS

Berlin, Jan. 17.

Lord Pakenham, the Minister responsible for German affairs, said today that the British had no intention of leaving Berlin.

"The British Government is working for the unity of Germany. If anybody say anything to the contrary, we have a right to say to him 'Either you are badly informed or you distort facts.' —Reuter.



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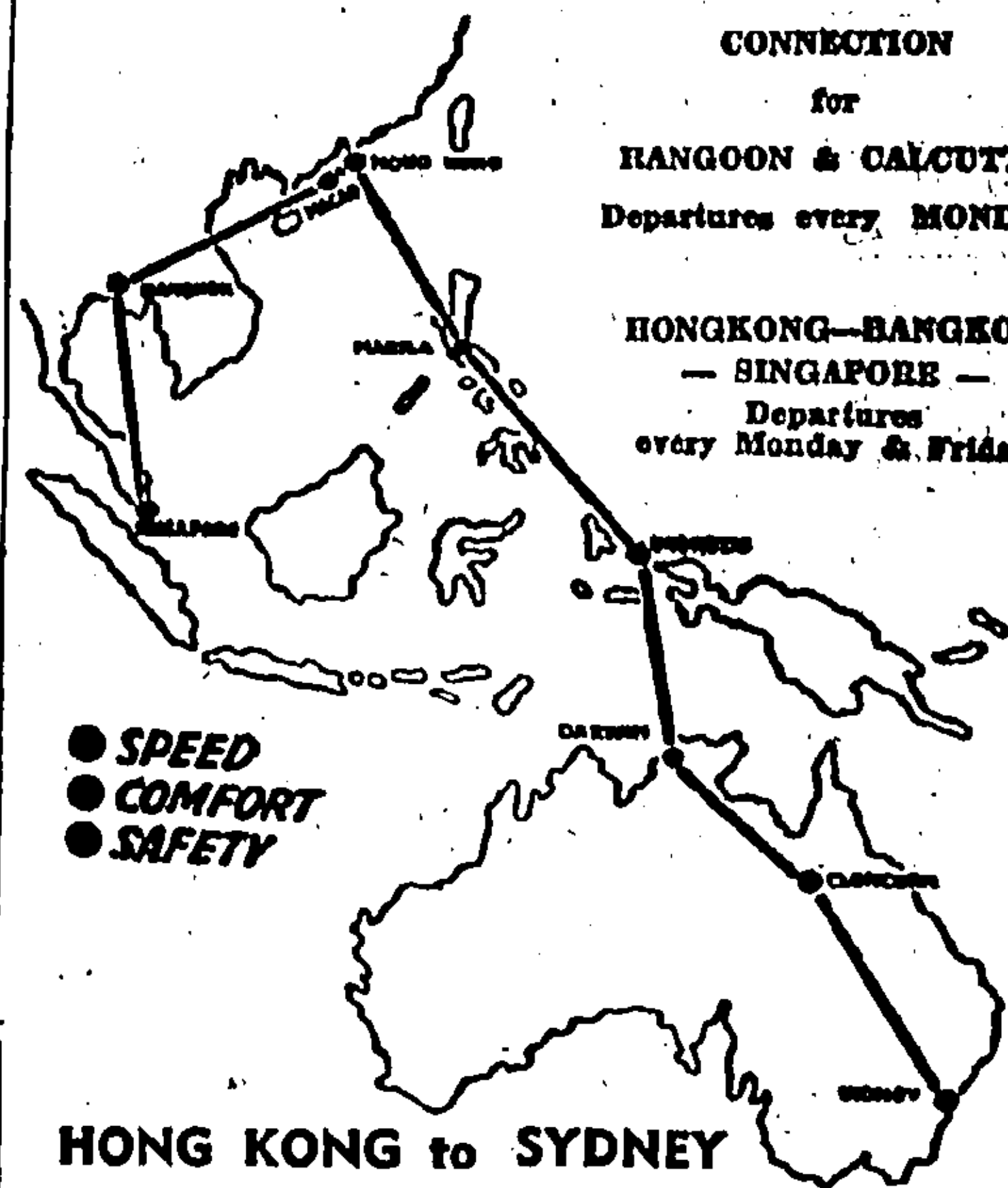
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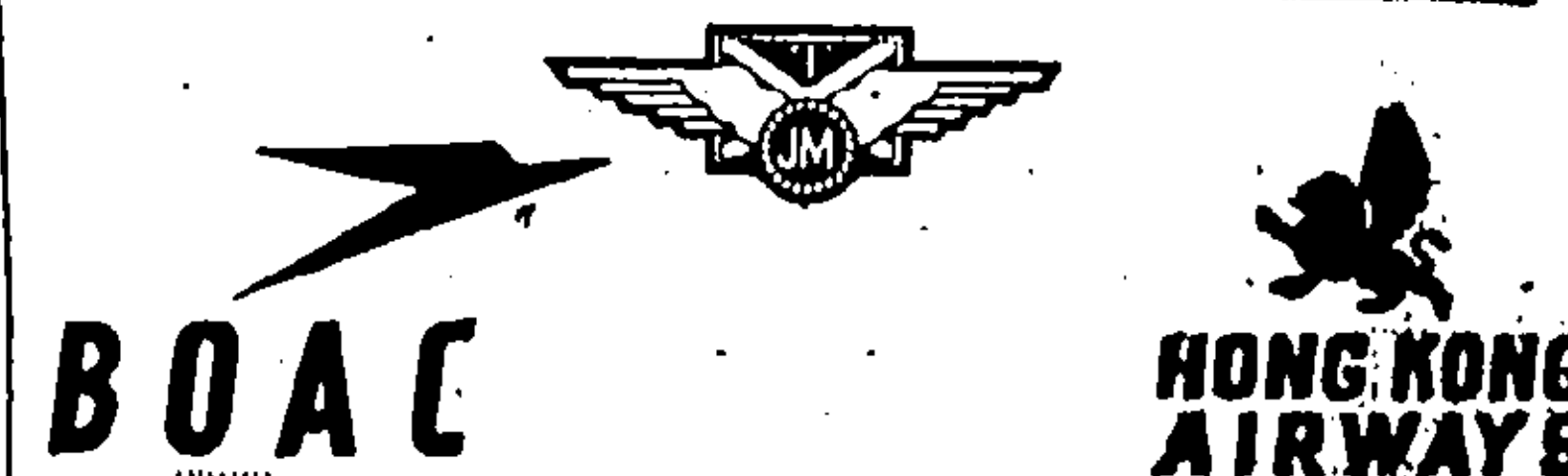
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CAN PSYCHIC PHENOMENA BE EXPLAINED?

The Amazing Facts About Your Secret Self

Sented at a table in her London home, a bored middle-aged woman began experimenting with a pendulum which she dangled from her fingers over the letters of the alphabet, arranged in a semi-circle.

The apparatus dates from the "parlor trick" days of Spiritualism.

First, the pendulum in the woman's hands swung over the letters and spelled out meaningless names. Then came messages. Soon they were abusive. Finally, the pendulum began to spell out threats of death to the now terrified woman who held the string.

The woman saw a friend of mine interested in psychic research. She told him: "This thing is with me all day. It says it is going to kill me."

My friend questioned her. Then he said: "What I am going to tell you will be a shock—but it will also be a relief."

"This 'Devil' is YOU. Your unconscious mind is working the pendulum. Old suppressed fears are taking this way of forcing themselves to your notice."

He gave the woman an introduction to a Harley-street nerve specialist and she went away happier—probably saved from madness.

A strange story? Yes. But no stranger than the way it came to my friend's notice. Going through his mail one morning, he picked up a letter. The writer asked a few simple questions about Spiritualism.

Somehow, my friend felt uneasy, dialled the phone number given in the letter. A woman answered. The woman with the pendulum. That was how they met.

Why did my friend feel uneasy? What made him telephone the writer of the letter? He doesn't know.

I tell this story because it shows one of the ways in which highly-strung people—dabblers in Spiritualism—can delude themselves. Doctors say a man can have three or even more distinct personalities. To-day I shall try to show you how these secret "inner selves" can play tricks which may be mistaken for Spiritualistic phenomena.

Listen to the words of my friend—a celebrated mind-doctor who is also a psychic investigator:

"A famous clairvoyant medium offered himself for test. He told me that while in trance his body was 'controlled' by another spirit able to transmit messages from people who had 'passed on'."

"Spirit" Got Word Test

"I submitted him to the simple 'word-association' test. I gave him a series of words, asked him what each suggested to him. If I called 'hairy,' he

Today, for the first time in his remarkable series, Jack Thomas sets out to discover if there is a natural explanation for much of the psychic phenomena he has been investigating.

An eminent psychiatrist has given him some of the answers. Like the previous articles, we publish them without comment.

might reply 'dog,' or to 'sail' he might reply 'boat.' I timed his reaction to each word.

"The medium then went into trance. As soon as the 'spirit voice' came I repeated the word-association experiment—using the same words as before. The 'spirit guide's' replies were as made it clear that they came from the 'unconscious' of the medium.

"I am convinced the 'spirit guide' in this case was no visitor from another world, but merely an 'extension' of the medium's own personality.

"The medium, of course, was not a fraud. He was quite unconscious of the existence of this other self, which was free to function only when he was in a trance.

"Such examples of dual or multiple personalities are not uncommon. One woman had four 'other selves.' Each was a distinct personality, with its own characteristic habits, mode of speech and even handwriting. Many earnest Spiritualists were convinced she was 'possessed' by discarnate beings. But after long and careful study, psychologists proved that each of the 'spirits' was but another extension of the woman's unconscious mind."

As they explore these dark mysteries, scientists are able to explain naturally many phenomena that once would have been accepted as evidence of the existence of spirits. At the same time, they are revealing the dangers of dabbling ignorantly in the occult.

Telepathy by Mediums?

Now listen to my friend the mind-doctor, summing up: "Most psychic phenomena can be explained naturally, although we still do not fully understand how some of the results are brought about."

"In the usual sense the medium rattles off messages—accepted by the sitters as evidence of spirit communication. In most cases the facts are all known to the sitters concerned."

"It is reasonable to assume that the medium is 'picking up' the unconscious thought-projections of the sitters—in other words, employing a form of telepathy."

Now let us look at a puzzling case reported to the Society for Psychical Research. "Mrs. B" had a private sitting with a popular medium. Spirits "came through," but Mrs. B could recognize none. She thought she would help the medium, so she built up in her mind a fictitious image, whom she christened on the spur of the moment "Elsie White." Sure enough, the medium described this character minutely.

Fifteen years later Mrs. B attended a public demonstration by the same medium. She sat near the back of the hall.

Suddenly, the medium singled her out—and again described the non-existent "Elsie White."

One of the most puzzling of all psychic phenomena is the production by a medium of the mysterious substance ectoplasm. Sometimes it exudes from the medium's head and body in solid-looking lumps. Sometimes it swirls about or descends in long, lace-like draperies. It vanishes in a second.

Portrait from Memory

Scientists do not understand how it is produced or how it can be reabsorbed so swiftly into the medium's body. But they accept its existence as a fact. It can be touched (it has a moist, rubber-like texture). On rare occasions fragments have been microphotographed, chemically analysed. They resemble human flesh.

Scientists say spirit intervention is not necessary for its production.

Said the mind-doctor: "Flash-light photographs have shown fragments of heads and limbs in the process of formation."

"One of these 'spirit portraits,' taken in Paris on April 29, 1909, showed a distorted male face with the eyes turned upwards. It looked genuine. But four years later the French newspaper, Le Matin, proved that the portrait was strikingly like an angel head painted by Rubens and hanging in the Louvre."

"The medium had seen this picture many times. Probably it had left in her mind, actually materialising it as a seemingly living spirit head."

"Again, there was no conscious fraud. The medium believed her mental creation was a visitor from the spirit world."

The Power of Suggestion

All serious Spiritualists welcome scientists' investigations. Indiscriminate credulity, they know, can harm their cause more than outside attacks. Many are members of the Society for Psychical Research.

Now, what has science to say of psychic healing? Listen again to the mind-doctor—

"So far, my experiences with spirit healers have been disappointing. Many so-called cures have a strong element of 'suggestion.'"

"Recently a woman of the 'hysterical' type came to me. Without letting her see what I was doing, I placed the end of a fountain-pen against the back of her hand. 'I am burning you,' I told her."

"She screamed as if I had seared her with a hot iron—and a few seconds later an angry red patch appeared where the pen had rested."

"That will show you the power of suggestion on an impressionable mind. Similarly, merely by worrying over a harmless tickling in the throat, a patient can produce in himself all the physical symptoms of a malignant growth."

"By counter-suggestion, the psychologist can make the growth disappear as swiftly as it came. Undoubtedly, many alleged 'spirit cures' are of this kind."

"Again, many people are wrongly adjusted to life. This affects their general health. Once their emotional balance has been restored, health improves."

"Some illnesses are the result of maladjustments of the vital currents in the body. Often they can be cured by the laying-on of hands. Look—"

The mind-doctor put his fingers together, slowly drew his hands apart. From the fingertips of the hand to the fingertips of the other ran rays of grey-blue light. As he moved his hands, the rays moved with them. It was an astonishing sight.

Riddle of Healing

"These rays probably have a magnetic origin," he told me. "The spirit healer moves his fingers over the body of a sick man. The magnetic forces emanating from his fingertips re-channel the vital forces of the patient's body. He is healed. But there is no proof that spirits have anything to do with the cure. It is a purely natural, if little-understood, process."

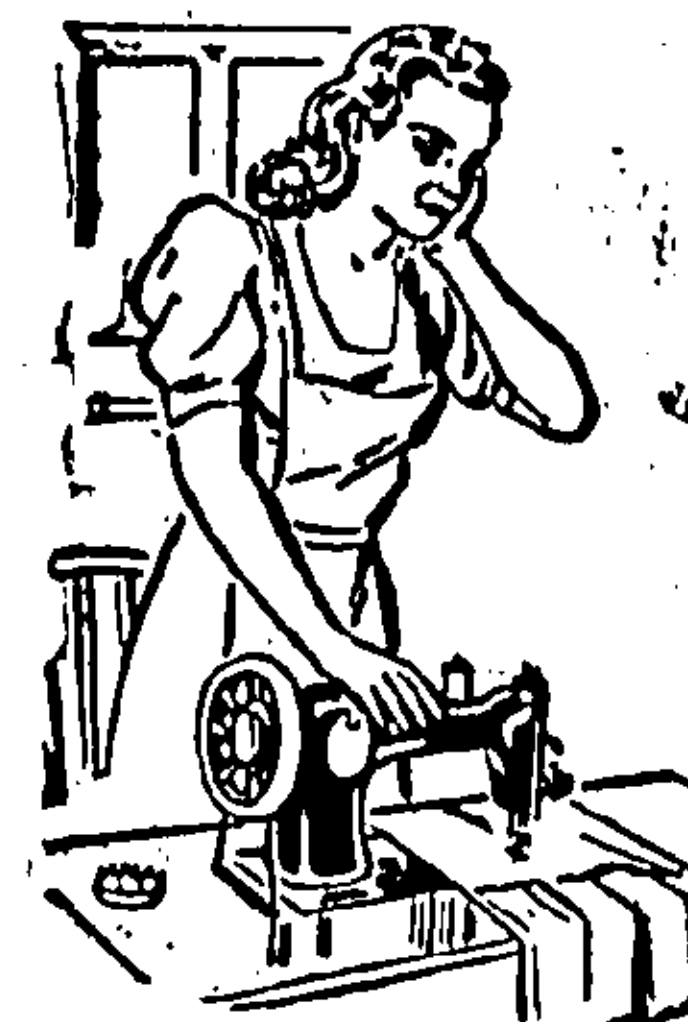
I pointed out that many spirit healers claim success with patients they have never seen—some of them unaware that treatment has been sought on their behalf.

The mind-doctor nodded. "Absent healing is the most difficult problem of all. Since time and space do not matter to the spiritual side of man, it is possible that the healer can establish telepathic contact with the mind of a patient he has never seen. I do not know."

"We can explain by natural laws, as we understand them now, fully 85 per cent. of so-called Spiritualistic phenomena. But there is always that puzzling 15 per cent. for which science can offer no reasonable explanation."

"Is it due to spirit intervention? Your guess is as good as mine."

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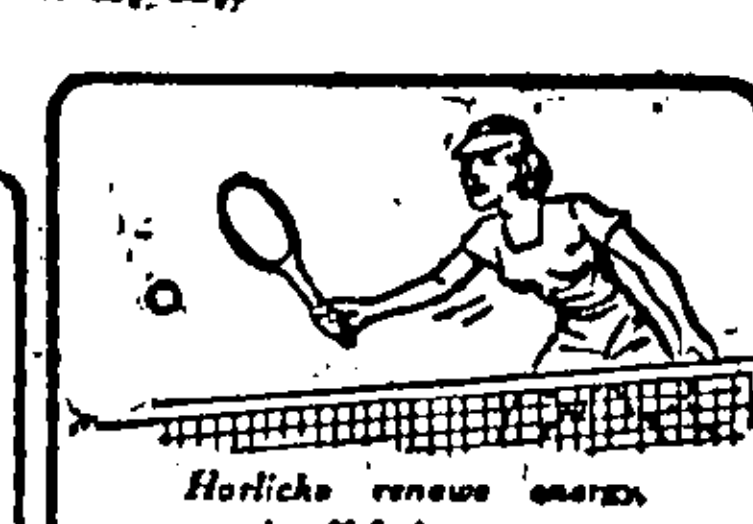
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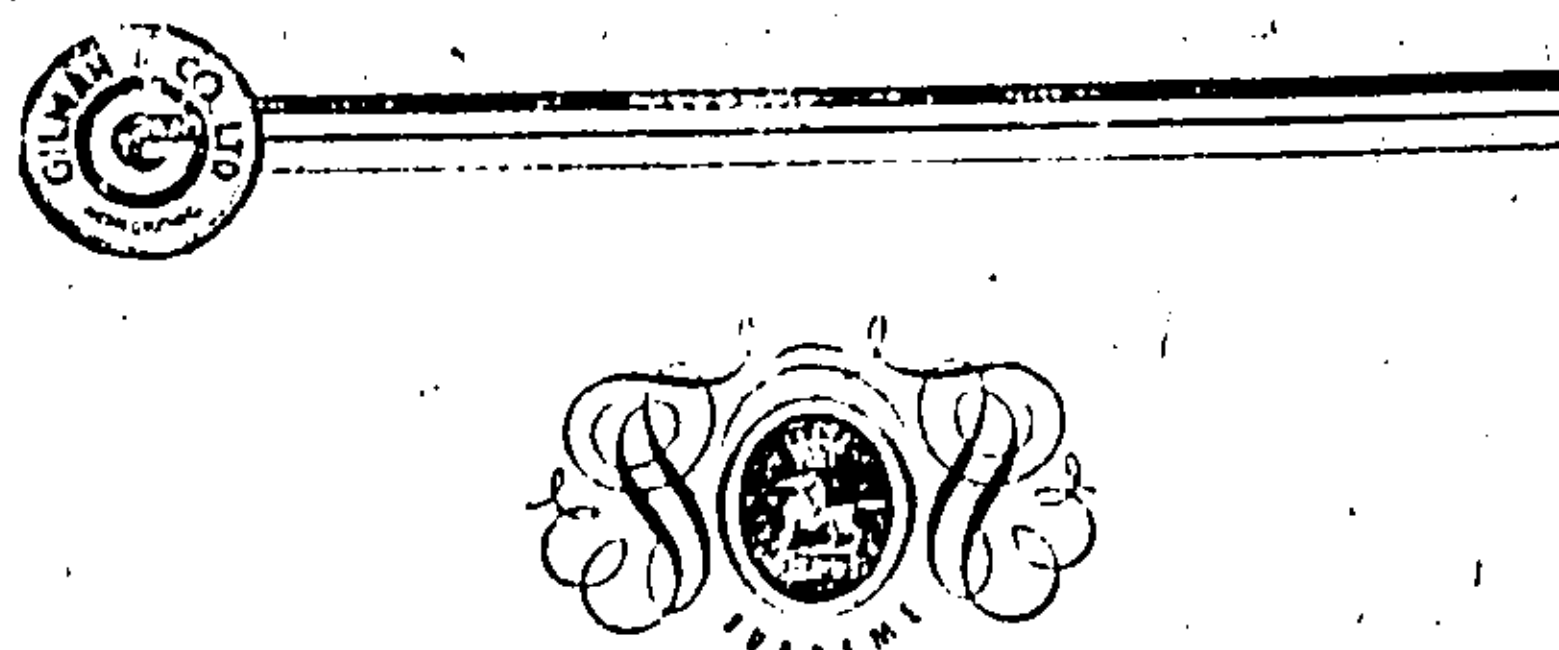
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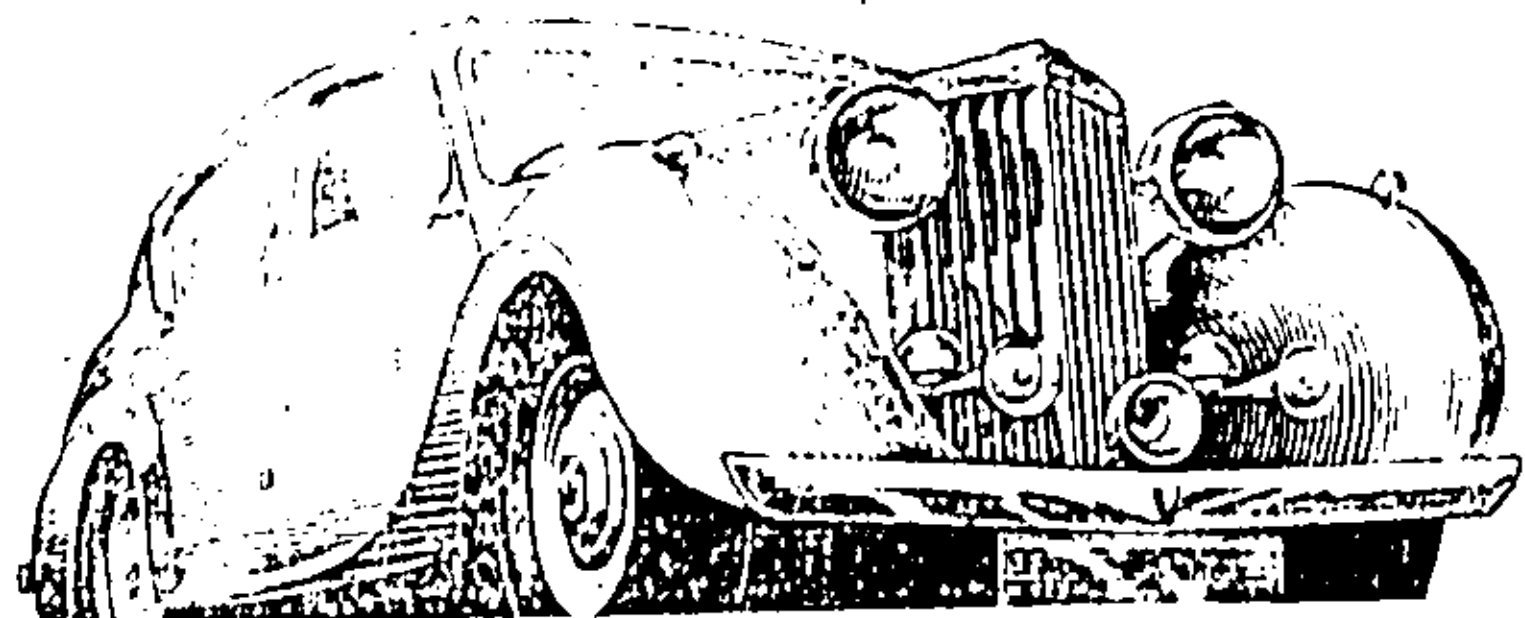


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RUHR CITIES PARALYSED Protest Against "Starvation"

Duisburg, Jan. 17.

A 24-hour general strike by 140,000 workers protesting against "starvation rations" paralysed four Ruhr industrial cities today—the great inland port of Duisburg, Muelheim, Dinslarken and Oberhausen.

Essential services were maintained but tramcars and local railways stopped and no Rhine barges were loaded or unloaded.

JAP BABY "MURDER MILL"

Tokyo, Jan. 17.

One hundred and sixty-nine infants died in a Tokyo "baby murder mill," a combination maternity home, nursery, and its owner Mrs. Miyuki Ishikawa confessed to the police that "the babies she cared for died of starvation."

Police unearthed the "murder mill" by questioning an undertaker who, when asked, had the body of an infant stuffed in an orange crate. Trapped on the roof of the building, the police found the undertaker took the infant from the hands of Mrs. Ishikawa.

Neighbours of Mrs. Ishikawa, who operated her establishment with her husband Takeshi, said the advertisement in newspapers they would care for infants. After they were brought to her place, she mother fed her babies the milk they told the police.

Autopsies on four infants' bodies found in the undertaker's home disclosed they died of hunger and cold. The police suspect that the undertaker, Ryutaro Nagasawa, obtained the four bodies from Ishikawa's—Associated Press.

Yunnan Clashes

RANGOON, JAN. 17.

THE CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL IN BURMA, MR. P. C. HSU, TODAY DENIED BURMESE PRESS REPORTS OF FIGHTING BETWEEN CHINESE TROOPS AND KACHIN TRIBESMEN IN UPPER BURMA NEAR THE BURMA-CHINA FRONTIER.

Some disturbances had been reported in the Chinese side of the frontier between Chinese troops and Chinese tribesmen, he added.

No Burmese nationals, he added, were involved in these disturbances, which arose from the Chinese Government's opium suppression campaign.

Burmese reports earlier this week claimed that Chinese troops had entered Burmese hill territory destroying poppy plantations. It was claimed that a clash broke out between the Chinese and Kachin tribesmen.

Chinese Burmese quarters made no comment on these reports, saying they were without any information whatever.—Reuter.

Dimitrov Has Words For Greece

Budapest, Jan. 17.

Bulgarian Communist Premier Georgi Dimitrov said today that the Balkan states are preparing to protect themselves against a "hot-bed of war and conflict" in Greece.

Addressing a huge open air rally of Bulgarians after signing a new Bulgarian-Rumanian treaty of friendship and collaboration, Dimitrov said his country signed "not as aggressors but to prevent aggression and a conflagration which might spread and encompass our nation."

He said there had been no foreign intervention, Greece today could have been a free Democracy standing on our side as an ally in our fight for Democracy, he said.

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Not Politics

There are hunger strikes and there is nothing to do with politics, he said. In doing so, he rejected Communist and Christian Democrat workers as allies.

He said the strikes were directed against both the German administration and the British Military Government which, in the view of the French Unions, had renounced its duties given by German authorities and ceased to pass laws for a province which would have been a province of the German Reich.

The main immediate demand which the Unions made on the Military Government was that the troops should help the peasants to dig up "hungry stocks of food on their farms," he said.

German Food Ministers from the British and American joint zone declared today that next month's ration for the entire bi-zonal area shall be given to the Ruhr, where most people have had no fats since for nearly two months.

Test For Democracy

The decision taken at a meeting this evening, has to be ratified by the provincial Governments.

Lord Pakenham, the British Minister responsible for German affairs, who has been visiting Germany, said before leaving Hamburg, to London today that he thought an increase in food imports to Germany was no possible.

"Consider the present food situation in Germany as a test for the cooperation of German Democracy," he said, according to the German News Service in the British zone.

Food was a German task, he added, and the Military Government was doing the framework and thus taking a share of the responsibility, but the main burden fell on the German authorities and provinces.—Reuter.

NO RIGHT TO DIAMONDS

Dar Es Salaam, Jan. 17.

Four Indians have been arrested on a charge of being in unlawful possession of diamonds, it was reported from Shinyanga, Tanganyika, today. One was granted bail for £5,000, and the other three £1,000 each.

The value of the diamonds involved was considerable, authorities today said.—Reuter.

Mystery Try To Parachute Arms

Paris, Jan. 17.

The Government's Agence France Presse announced today that local constabulary forces had scared off an apparent attempt in central France early on Thursday to parachute unknown materials—widely believed here to be arms destined for an underground network.

The despatch, which caused a stir in Paris, said that gendarmes surprised a lorry and a waiting group of armed men at a clearing near Avey-le-Viel, four miles south of St. Amant which was marked off by flares.

It added that the men and lorry escaped in the darkness but not before they sent signals that apparently warned off a plane which approached overhead and then turned around.—Associated Press.

Gandhi Can Endure Six More Days

New Delhi, Jan. 16.

Competent medical sources said today that 78-year-old Mohandas Gandhi, in the fourth day of his peace fast, could endure another six days "at the utmost" without seriously endangering his life.

His kidneys and bowels failed under the rigorous fast, he said, but he was in a very good condition, which he was not likely to lose. He said that the fast was a test of the people's faith in him and that he would not be deterred by the fast.

He declared, however, that he would not end his fast prematurely.

Gandhi said the India Government's decision to implement immediately a financial agreement with Modern Pakistan and to hold a referendum to decide the disputed allegiance of the Kathiawar states of Junagadh had "put Pakistan in its honour" to respond in kind.

"What will Pakistan's counter-gesture be?" he asked. "The ways (to fellowship) are many if there is the will, is it there?"

Gandhi said his fast "ought to lead to a honourable settlement" of the Kashmir problem and "all differences" between India and Pakistan.

"The letter of my vow will be satisfied if the Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs of Delhi bring about a union which not even

a conflagration around them in all other parts of India and Pakistan will be strong enough to break. Happily the people in both Dominions (elsewhere) seem to have instinctively realised that the fittest answer to the fast should be complete friendship between the two Dominions."

Gandhi was deluged by messages from all communities urging him to end his fast. Tomorrow was declared a holiday in Delhi for prayers for his life.

Women of Delhi held a huge peace procession, singing hymns which were taken up by bystanders.—Associated Press.

A KING'S ESTATE

London, Jan. 17.

King George of the Hellenes, who lived in England from 1924 to 1935 and who died last April in Athens, left estate in England worth £26,259.

Sir Frank Bowater, Baronet, Lord Mayor of London in 1938-39 and a former member of the London County Council and late head of a paper firm bearing his name, left £80,232. Among his bequests is all his clothes to officers of the association.—Reuter.



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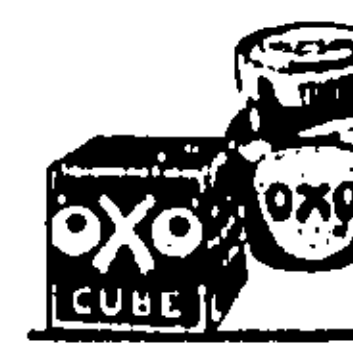
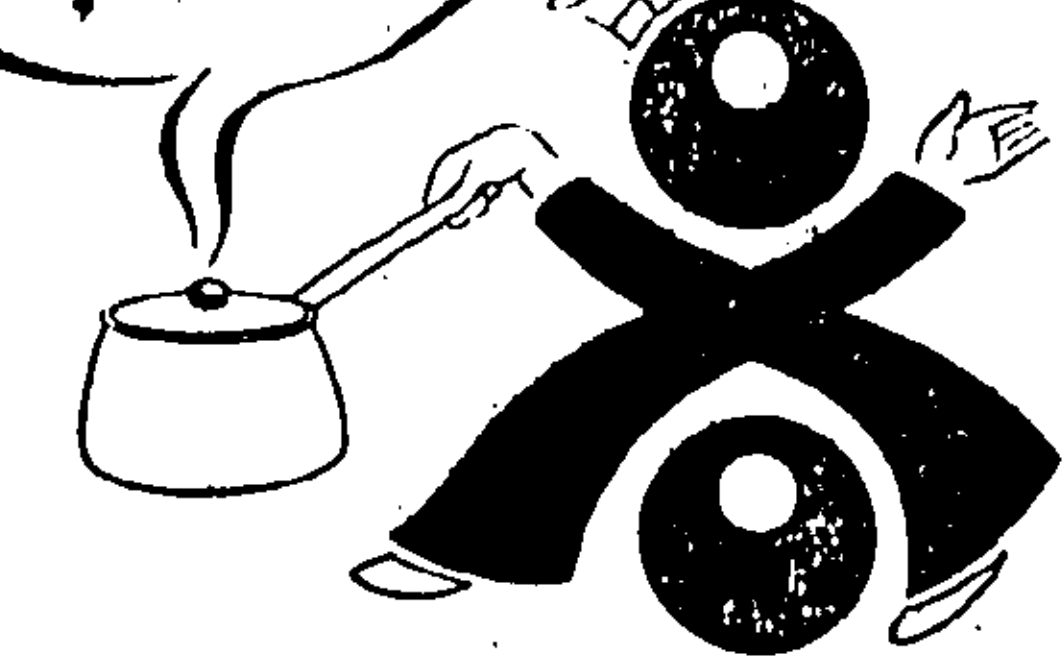
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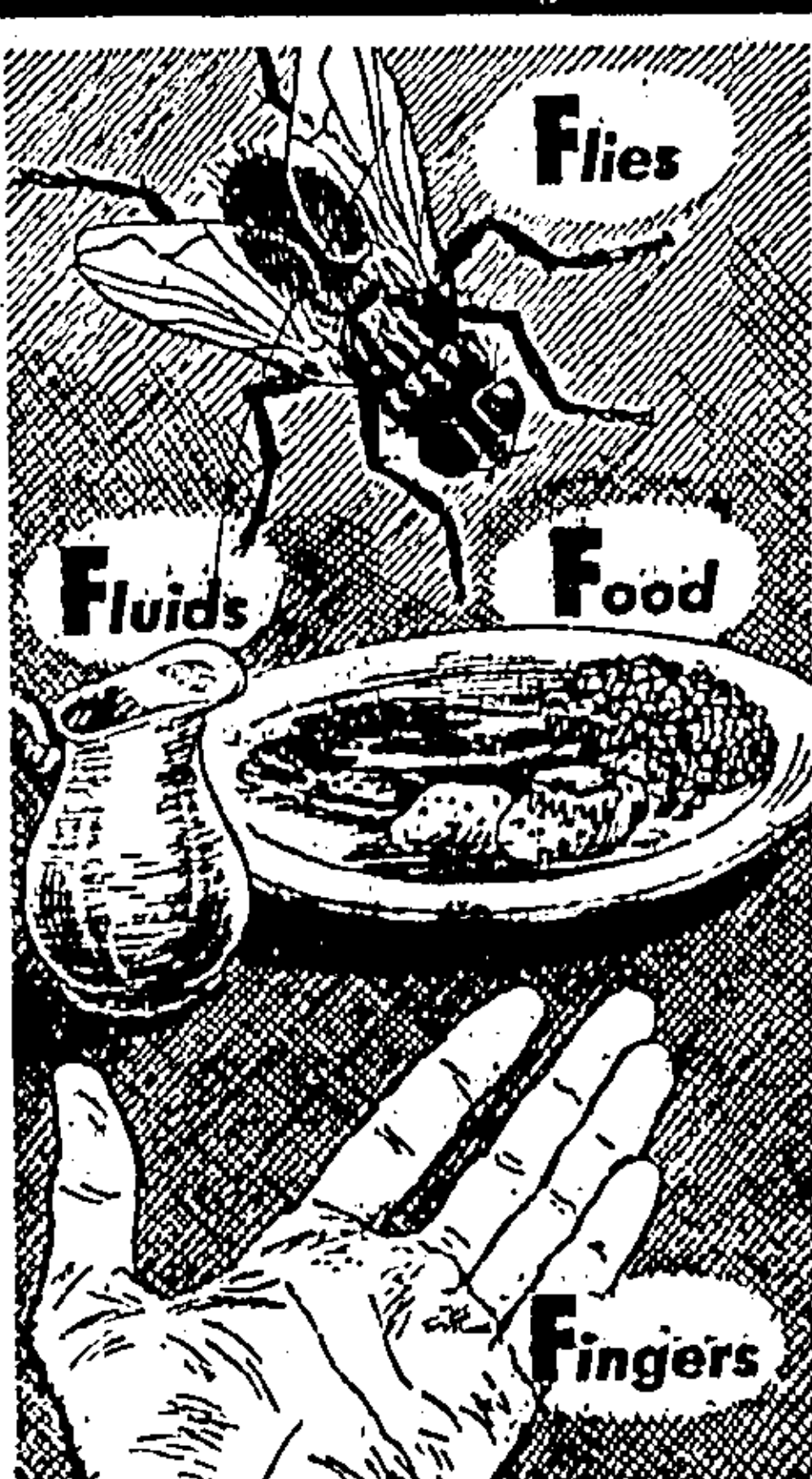
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Dysentery could disappear if we all realised its infectiousness, its seriousness—and acted promptly!

Know the Answers to these Questions.
What is dysentery? An infectious disease usually characterized by severe diarrhea. Two kinds are bacillary and amebic dysentery. How do you know you have it? You get bacillary dysentery suddenly. You have high temperature, acute diarrhea, sometimes stomach pain, nausea. Amebic dysentery does not affect you suddenly. You feel tired or have stomach discomfort, perhaps some diarrhea. How serious is dysentery? It can kill. Don't take chances. See your doctor if you notice any symptoms. Delay makes the cure slow, difficult.

Learn how the 4 F's carry Dysentery danger. The organisms which cause dysentery travel chiefly on the "FFFF"—Food, Flies, Fingers, Fluid. And they travel far and fast! The favorite habitat of these parasites is the human intestine. Once discharged from there they live literally "from hand to mouth." Flies pick up these parasites. They leave them on food, dishes. And from there we may carry them to our mouths. They live in milk, too. And a person whose hands carry the organisms may touch our food before we get it, and contaminate it.

Memorize these Safety Rules! Prevent dysentery! (1) Get flies out of your house—use screens, or flykillers like D.D.T. (2) Boil drinking water and boil its container occasionally. Cook foods thoroughly. (Organisms won't survive ten minutes of boiling.) (3) Wash eating utensils with hot water, and soap. Scrub toilet seats. (4) Wash your hands often—always after you go to the bathroom, always before you eat. (5) Mother should promptly isolate any member of the family with diarrhea and call the doctor at once. Danger of contagion is greatest in the first few days.



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COSTUME JEWELLERY FOR THE "NEW LOOK"

Fashion has rummaged through her jewellery box and found the "chokers" & necklets of forty years ago to go with her latest craze.

By JANET MARTIN

New styles from the couturier bring in their train a host of accompanying changes in accessories and the designers of fashion jewellery have been busy creating... and reviving... jewellery accessories to blend with the new silhouette.

The most outstanding feature of the new trend in costume jewellery is the revival of the "choker" necklet. It is true that there have been signs of its return for some time, but now the choker, the dog collar and the recent necklaces have swept back into full favour.

Pearls are always the favourite, but fashions in pearls change too, and now the graduated links of one, two or three rows must be laid away in your treasure box for a while, and ungraded strings, out of date for so many years, can come back into their own.

Your pearl choker can be made up in many ways, but it must cling closely to the base of the throat. You can wear a single strand of large pearls, two, three or even four rows of medium sized ones, set one row above the other.

A double row can be made quite simply from any long string you may be lucky enough to have kept by you. Be threaded on one string, exactly sufficient to go twice or your throat. Join into one link, fold double and tie together at the back of the neck with a small bow (the narrowest ribbon).

Seed Pearls Popular

Or, if you have one of those large plated ropts of seed pearls, you can make a delightful choker from that and probably have sufficient left for a matching bracelet as well.

Wear your choker with almost all the new styles, to outline the neckline of a high necked gown, to accentuate a low cut neck. Wear it under the collar of your blouse or suit, pushing the collar up higher.

Chokers and dog collars can be made from many other kinds of beads, always provided that they are not graduated. One of the most charming I have seen consisted of a single row of large, square-cut paste baquettes, worn with the "little black dress" and with two of the same baquette used as matching earrings.

Another was made from tiny round mirrors of crimson tinted glass, another from bright emerald sequins, stitched thickly onto a narrow velvet band and worn with a low necked cocktail gown. Yet another mother of pearl, this time, was a quite dramatic affair, the bottom row consisting of pointed pieces

rather like sharks' teeth, surmounted by four or five rows of hand cut beads.

For coloured necklets there are two variations. First there is the swathed choker, made up in hundreds of strands of tiny coloured beads, loosely twisted and laid around the neck of a high-necked gown, like a collar. Then there is the cascade, rows and rows of beads from throat to bosom... moonstones with navy, garnet with green, amber with brown, emerald with nigger.

New Earrings Too

Earrings with these new necklets must be more simple, and matching. Plain pearl studs, large or small, pearls in rows, clusters or loops; studs or flowers, exactly matching shades with the coloured necklets.

Gilt and silver jewellery also conforms to the Choker tradition, but with some interesting variations. There are plain chains of thick, chunky links, clasping the throat, which can be accompanied by a variety of the most elaborate earrings. There are multiple chains of daintier links, worn loosely twisted and matched by bracelets.

For special occasions there are lovely gold "snake" necklets festooned at the front, or side front, with a beautiful jewelled clasp or flower. These have earrings to match the clasp and sometimes a bracelet too.

If you have a heavy gold chain, you can make up one of these delightful necklets by having the chain cut to fit your

Blouses make Belles

by Edna McKenna,
drawing by Berill.



THE lengthening hem-line has had its effect upon blouses. With an emphasis on elegance, the strictly tailored blouse suitable for short skirts looks out of place. To-day's blouses trimmed with lace and ribbon, their demureness offset by dainty frills, are a further evidence of the charm of the "New Look".

Many are high necked and throat-hugging and have a choir-boy look about them; others with their billowing sleeves are definitely Gibson Girl, and it is strange to see again the high and shawl collared necklines. For evening the most popular blouse of all is the one with the off-the-shoulder neckline. Choose one to wear with a wasp-waisted, swishy, tulle skirt, and at a cost of four coupons you will be the belle of the Christmas party.

1. An off-the-shoulder blouse from the Gibson Girl era. It has a wide frill edged with lace and pretty puffed sleeves, and calls for your best choker necklace.

2. A sophisticated blouse, with a choir-boy neckline, is made in a gay candy striped material, and has a yoke outlined by a double frill and big balloon sleeves ending in a narrow cuff. Designed by Eric Hart.

3. The shawl neckline on this more tulle blouse has a rather low décolletage. Worn with your loveliest jewellery it is a perfect choice for evening. Note the outside tulle bow—also Eric Hart.

4. A "gay" Gibson Girl shirt-waist blouse has a tiny stand-up collar and is trimmed with narrow lace and a black ribbon bow. The big, billowing sleeves come to just below the elbow.

Hollywood And 'New Look' Notions

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood (U.P.) A movie designer has just put forth a solution to the high cost of the New Look.

You may have to junk all your old clothes, says RKO designer Edward Stevenson, but you can resurrect your mother's. Stevenson says any woman with a trunk in her attic can haul out costumes and hats that are high style today.

"Our new fashions are a direct steal from 1910," Stevenson said. "The clothes I have been designing for 'I Remember Mama,' set in 1910, might just as well have been designed for her daughter, 1947."

Irene Dunne's "best" dress in the 1910 picture, a shirtwaist and skirt, is the basis for a dinner dress Stevenson entered in a 1947 Los Angeles fashion show. The dress is a yellow and chartreuse print with an exaggerated ruffle around the yoke and a high neck. There's a ruffle around the bottom that scoops up in back to show lace underneath. And, just like the picture, the modern dress has whitebiness in the collar.

Actress Gets Copy

Another Stevenson oldtimer which Barbara Bel Geddes wore in the picture so charmed her she had it copied for her personal wardrobe. It's a white blouse with eyelet-embroidered yoke and full sleeves, worn with a navy blue serge skirt swirling around the bottom to show a peek of white ruffle.

Stevenson got his ideas from old fashion magazines and family albums.

"The wasp waists, full sleeves and girded skirts, most of them with dust ruffles showing, were the last word then at strawberry festivals," he said, "and they're the last word now at cocktail lounges."

Stevenson said the return to careful elaborate detail and elegance in women's clothes went hand in hand with a return to more gracious living. Longer skirts and rounded, soft, elegant contours, like those Mama used to wear, contribute to a gentler way of life.

"This is one time," Stevenson said, "when the boys can find a girl just like the girl that married dear old Dad."

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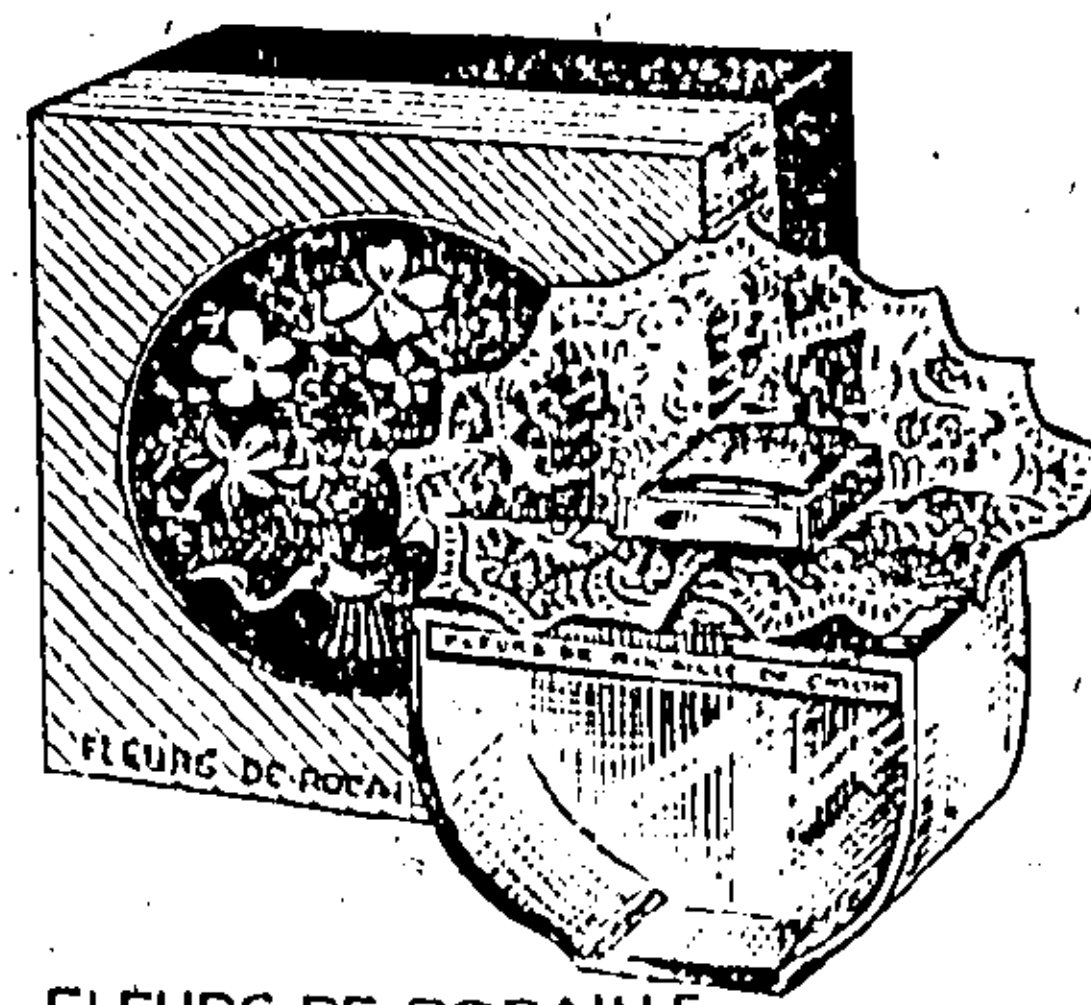
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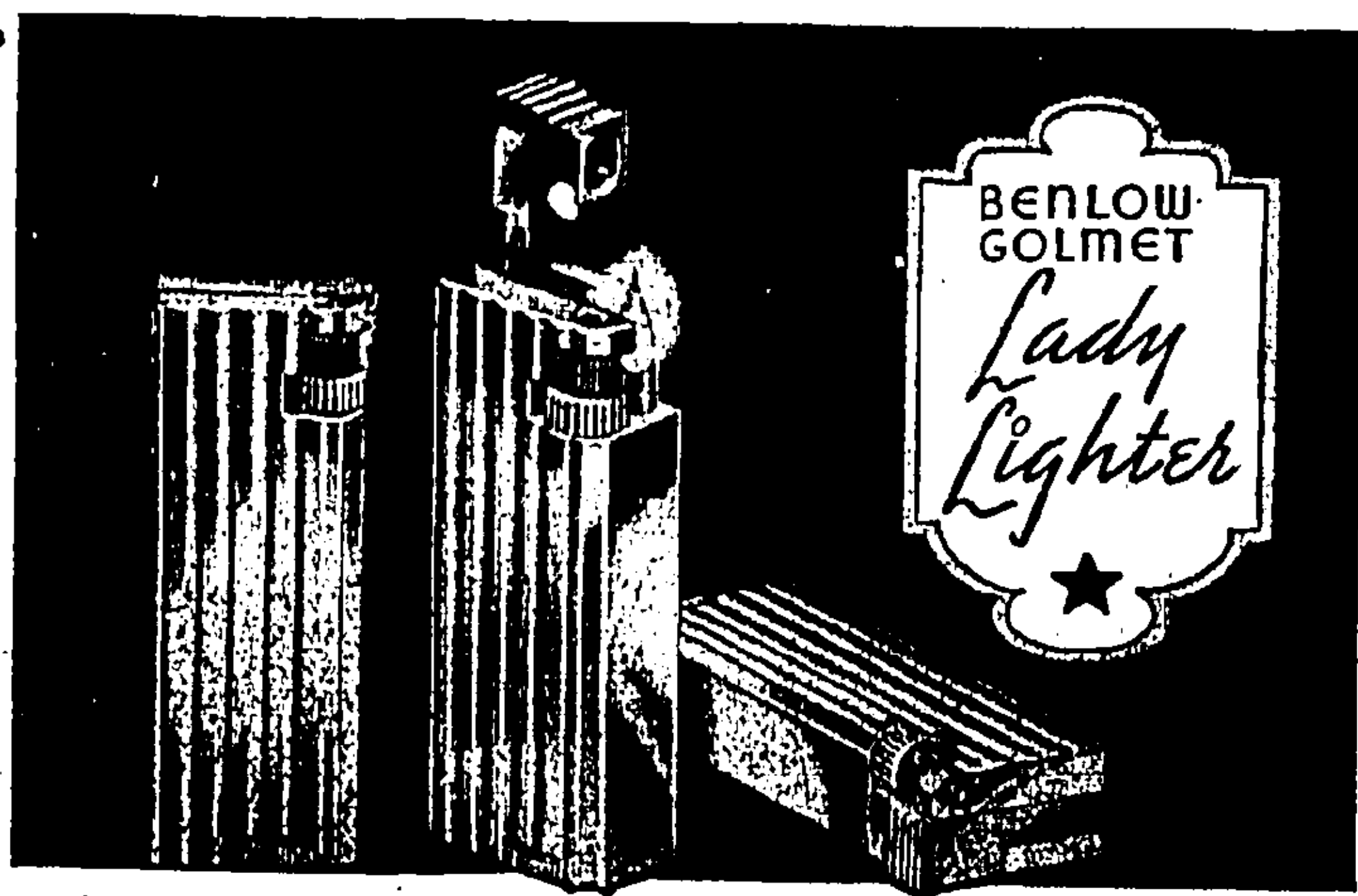
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BATTLE OF THE BARGAINS
RAGES IN LONDON

By GRANVILLE CAREW

"Several of London's big stores are planning to hold sales during January... they will be on a much bigger scale than any since the war" (London evening newspaper).

The womanly of London and the provinces, reading the paragraph, are like the war-horse, snuffing the battle from afar, girding up their loins—or what ever womanly gird up—they are preparing themselves for the day when they will grasp their handbags and their books of clothing coupons and go forth into the fray to do or buy.

Until quite recently the stores had been hoping that the Board of Trade could be persuaded to lessen the number of coupons required on purchases of women's clothing, unless that were done, they argued, they could not hope to sell the stock which has been accumulating unsaleable in their stock-rooms.

Women were refusing to buy at such a cost in coupons, apart from holding on to them in the expectation that the Board of Trade would relent and do away with the coupon to some extent. But the Board hardened its iron-like heart and said "no."

Driven back, the stores have come to the conclusion that the only way to clear their shelves, and to tempt Eve to use her coupons freely, is to lower the prices of her outward and visible raiment. To a more manly world appear that for any store even to consider a lowering of prices of ladies' clothes in these days is indeed a counsel of despair but, no doubt, commercial necessity drives.

B-Day Not Fixed

Dates have not yet been fixed for the opening of the sales but at any time within the next few weeks those who go forth to their work in the morning may expect to see excited queues of femininity outside the great stores, including not only cousins and aunts from the country, but those of their own households.

In the evening, when they return they may expect to see these same women-kind come home either laden with loot and with the light of triumph in their eyes, or empty handed, despondent and snappy because "that woman next door (who is normally an affectionately-regarded neighbour and close confidante) snatched right out of my hands the very blouse I've had my eye on for weeks. But never mind, I'm going again the first thing in the morning and I'll be up with her, the cat. I never did trust that woman... and can I have some more money, George?"

If we may go by what has happened on the few occasions during the war and post-war years when, by some chance or other, a store has managed to come by some hard-to-obtainable item of household use or women's wear,

there should be some exciting scenes in the metropolis when the sales begin.

"They will, it is anticipated, last from seven days to two weeks."

One question, to a man, is what the Dickens will the stores have to sell. Many males—simple minded husbands—have listened for many moons to women who have been in company with bosom friends for a day's shopping in the West End. "My dear, there's nothing in the shops. NOTHING WHATEVER, and the prices are awful. Why doesn't the Government stop it. I don't want to buy some of the stuff I've seen. If I had a million pounds." So there.

Anything Goes

The one thing on which all women seem to agree—apart from the prices and the narrow ranges of goods—is that much of the material used is of poor quality and that the finishing-off of their clothes is scamped. However, that may be, men may rest assured that even if the women's up-lifters, in their extremity are forced to disinter from dark forgotten cellars over-looked victrola polonaises, or dolmans, or pelisses, or bustles or red flannel petticoats, or elastic sided boots, the women will buy 'em as the latest fashions, provided the prices are sufficiently "marked down."

The scenes to be expected at the forthcoming battles of the bargains will be well worth seeing from a discreet distance. Whatever the weather, queues will form early every evening and wait overnight, and reinforcements will arrive as early as six o'clock in the mornings, ready to storm the doors the moment they open.

It has happened before and will happen again, with even greater intensity, that women will eventually fight over a waist or a skirt and will rend those garments rather than let "that cat" have it. An observer of human nature, who may have formed his impressions after witnessing many sales of women's wear in times of stress and scarcity, once remarked that in his opinion the last creature to be civilised by Man would be Woman.

THEY STICK TO
SWEATERS

Chicago, (U.P.)

A group of hobnobbers think the "New Look" will do just fine as long as they don't have to take off their sweaters. Seventy-three high school sweater girls filled out questionnaires on what they thought of the New Look.

They agreed that sweaters—tight or sloppy—still were their favorite garb.

Fashion designers can make skirts with padded hips, pleats or hems to the ankles if they want to, the girls said, but vote to the artist who erases the sweaters.

A tabulation of the survey, made by a large department store, showed that a majority thought skirts and sweaters were typical high school garb. Some preferred to wear their sweaters tucked in the skirt, some out, and nine like the kind that button.

For activities outside school and casual wear, 21 chose slacks; five skirts, and 19, blue jeans. All 45 said they'd take a sweater to go with them.

The rest of the 78 said they wore blouses or jackets with their slacks.

While they spend most of the day in their sweaters, the girls said they like to discard them in favour of skirts and blouses with "that ballerina look" for evening wear.

But they agreed that most of the time they'd rather be sweater girls.

HOUSEHOLD
HINTS

Once-precious hot water bottles will last much longer if a little glycerine is rubbed on them occasionally.

When crocheting rag rugs, crochet a strand of string along with the strand of rag. Your rag will not fall apart in washing and will wear much longer.

An idea for your coffee: It will stay fresh and retain its full flavour if kept in a refrigerator.

Give that little something to gravy by adding a pinch of poultry seasoning. It improves the flavour of lamb, pork or veal gravy.

LET'S TALK
OF TARTAN

Tartan is being greeted with a new enthusiasm this season. It is equally popular for morning, afternoon or evening wear, as it introduces a note of colour into the drabdest of wardrobes and is excellent for renovating and cheering up older garments.



On the left a dark dress has the bodice turned into a button-down tunic over a tartan blouse. The too-short skirt is cut off just above the knees and replaced by a wide band of pleated tartan. The bow on the hat completes the very smart ensemble.

Next, a plain dress is given an air of chic by a tartan kangaroo pouch which fastens like an apron at the back.

—EDNA McKENNA.

How To
Brown
Your Cakes

If the cake didn't brown well, it may have been the fault of the pan.

Good cooks should give thought to whether they bake in aluminium, glass, or enamelware, because results from the same recipe will vary perceptibly, specialists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture say.

As most testing kitchens use aluminium pans, because these do not corrode, chip, or break, housewives may prefer to try new recipes out in aluminium.

It is true that enamelware baking pans generally give the deepest brown, however. Glass ranks next for rapid browning, especially in an electric oven which has a high degree of radiant heat.

But in aluminium and tin, too, browning is usually more even though less rapid, unless the tin is very dark, thin or warped and so makes the heating uneven. Enamelware does not distribute heat so evenly, as a rule, and it may cause a mottled appearance on top of a cake instead of even browning.

Most cooks know that the shape of a pan also influences browning. If it is deep and high sided, the sides shade biscuits or cookies from the radiant heat during baking and they stay too pale.

On the other hand, they will brown well on a flat sheet or on the bottom of an inverted pan.

A square pan with rounded corners and a cake baked in enamelware from getting too brown at the corners. A pan that is too big for the recipe will cause bread or cake mixture to be spread too thin and will make it too brown before it is baked through.

Careful cooks will think twice before using the first pan that comes to hand.

(WEATHER) MEN
PREFER BLONDES

Baltimore.

Weather men prefer blondes. At least those who make weather recording instruments do, according to engineers at the instrument division of Bendix Aviation Corp. Here's why:

Hair is used in humidity recorders. Mounted in strands like the strings on a banjo, it functions as the moisture-sensitive element of the instruments. No other substance, the engineers say, is as consistently sensitive to moisture under all conditions, or as accurate.

But it must be blonde hair.

Brunette and red tresses are too coarse. Even blonde hair must be of high quality—straight, at least 10 inches long, unbleached and unvarnished by curling irons.

You Can Have
It Free

Boston, Mass. A Boston (U.S.A.) woman asked a diner-out waiter for the recipe of a fudge cake she had enjoyed on the train.

The chef who had concocted the cake sent her the recipe—with a bill for US\$25. Her lawyer advised her to pay the \$25.

She did, and here, without charge, is the recipe: One half cup of butter, two tablespoons of baking powder, two of vanilla, three eggs, two and a half cups of sugar, four squares of bitter chocolate.

Is Forty A
Deadline
For Beauty?

Victor Mamak says:

Most emphatically not.

The world's most charming personalities, as well as quite a number of film stars, are forty and over. Charm is certainly not confined to the "twenties" and "thirties" alone. If we are to believe history, Cleopatra was fifty when she subdued the mighty heart of Anthony.

When a woman is forty and "feels" it, she can rightly blame her years. But if she "looks" it, then the fault lies at her own door. With modern, scientific beauty aids, she can maintain a fresh, zestful appearance, which is the essence of feminine charm and loveliness, into the late years of her life.

This, however, does not mean that at forty she should attempt to look twenty—even twenty one, I must add. But she can logically and successfully present an appearance that can convincingly put her between thirty and thirty five, which is within her range of years.

She should not over-extend herself when reaching for youth, or the finished effort will not only be unconvincing but also most unflattering. An obviously artificial "youth" fools no one.

Most women at forty begin to be self-conscious about their age, which is a lamentable trait. They do not seem to realize that, in all probability, they themselves notice the tiny lines and wrinkles in their own faces long before anyone else does. Is it not true that a woman is constantly on the lookout for wrinkles in her own face? Is it not natural, then, that she should be the first one to discover them?

The chances are that others will not notice them for a long time yet. So when she notices these tiny wrinkles in her face, she need not worry her pretty head about them unnecessarily.

Special Care

Even if a woman does not possess a background of consistent beauty care, it is not too late at forty to start looking after herself. In fact it is about time that she did! At this stage it may, of course, mean a little more effort and more work on behalf of her appearance.

She should plan a beauty routine at once, follow it regularly and she can be sure that she will be amply rewarded for her trouble, if it can be called trouble.

Every woman knows that her skin is a natural beautifying element, and that it is the key to her beauty and charm. But the smart one also knows this less can be and should be balanced by modern beauty care. There are creams which give amazing help to mature complexions.

Make-up has undoubtedly played an important part in increasing the beauty and charm of women. (If you think otherwise, try and do without it!) At forty, however, a woman should dress and make-up in accordance with her range of years. Nothing is so important as subtlety. She should never strive for sudden striking effects, nor should she try to bury her wrinkles under a heavy and exaggerated make-up (reform is one thing, revolution is another).

Colour Selection

Selection of colour in make-up and dress for a woman of forty is very important. She must never try to get away from the natural tones of her skin. Brighter shades in rouge and lipstick should be avoided.

The same rule should apply when selecting dresses. Forty is an age of dignity and a woman's aim at this age should be a well-poised, dignified charm rather than an attempt to pass as a Bright Young Thing.

No doubt it is a woman's privilege to conceal her age. But she must try to justify that privilege by keeping her face and figure in a condition that will be rather than betray her age. At the same time she should not try to over-extend herself when reaching for youth. At forty, any pretence toward the twenties are likely to produce an effect which will be more detrimental to her than many any wrinkles on her face.

For cleaning tweeds and other heavy woollens, a long-haired brush with fairly soft bristles is excellent. It is best to give frequent brushings and shakings to these woollens.



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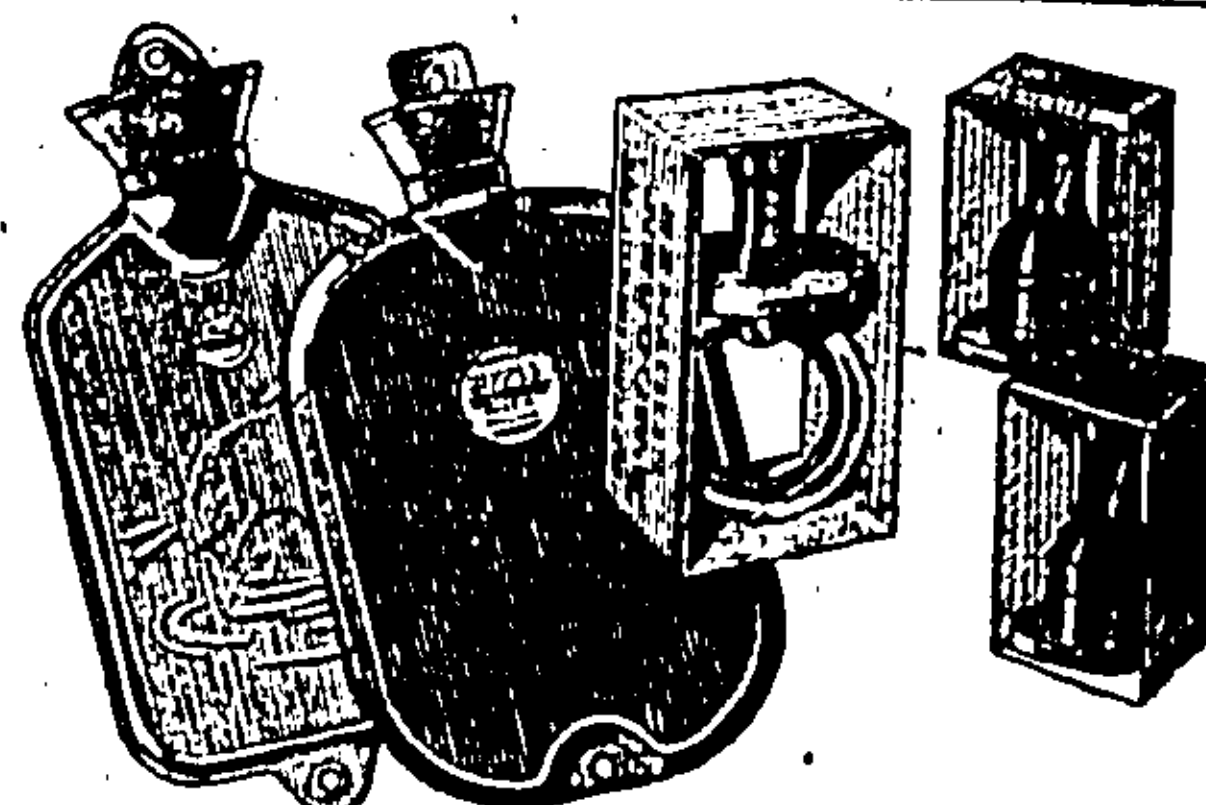
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—Reuters.

To Be Formulated This Month

Washington, Jan. 17.

Members of a five-man Chinese mission arrived today to help put the final touches on the administration's new recovery programme for China.

Sent by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the group already has received a pledge that it will be consulted by Secretary of State George Marshall before the aid proposal, expected to call for expenditure of about US\$300,000,000 is sent to Congress.

Pel Tsi-yi, a former Governor of the Nanking Government, Central Bank, headed the mission. Three members arrived by plane and were joined here by two already were in this country.

They were greeted at the airport by China's Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, and by Arthur R. Ringwalt, chief of the State Department's Division of Chinese Affairs.

The new aid proposal, a scaled-down companion of the European recovery programme now before Congress, may be ready before the end of the month, officials indicated.

They said there is no indication for talk that the Administration might delay submitting the Chinese programme until Congress makes plain its attitude on the European plan.

The US\$300,000,000 estimate for the aid to China was given by Marshall, who told Congress in November that under existing conditions China might

profitably US\$200,000,000 a month for the next 15 months.

The State Department said it is prepared to discuss with the mission "the present economic situation in China and measures to help the Chinese Government in its undertaking."

—Associated Press.

US dollars also continued to appreciate and closed yesterday at \$5.03.

Sterling was slightly better at \$13.20; and Australian pounds unchanged at \$12.52.

In Shanghai yesterday (says Reuter) open market rates were unchanged at CN\$112,000 (buyers) and CN\$115,000 (sellers) for the U.S. dollar, and CN\$370,000 (buyers) and CN\$380,000 (sellers) for Sterling.

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Buenos Aires—Sovereign, buyers 67.50, sellers 68.50; U.S. Eagles, 124.50b, 126.50a; Gold, Bar, Gramme, 6.10b, 6.30a.

Bangkok—Gold, Bar, per bahweight of 15.244 Grammes, 490 ticals. Exchange Rates (Selling): Bangkok on New York T.T. 18.20; London 59.50; Hongkong 3.64.—Reuters.

New York Stock Market

New York, Jan. 17.
Aided by a rally, the stock market's overall average managed to shift into the plus column on Friday after six straight generally losing sessions, although numerous leaders were unresponsive. Short-covering and other buying by professionals on the idea that a technical revival was imminent provided the principal prop.

Extreme gains running to a point or more were shaded in most cases at the close. Transfers were 700,000 shares. Gainers included Santa Fe, Illinois Central, American Petroleum, Douglas Aircraft, United Aircraft, American Luggage, U.S. Gypsum, Skelly Oil, Plymouth Oil, Texas Company, Warner Brothers.

Dow Jones Averages—Stocks 63.83, 20 Industrial 17.15, 15 Rails 51.43, 10 Utilities 55.17.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 10 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 19, American Smelting 55, American Telephone 15 1/2, American Vacuum 65 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 33 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/2, Barnard 31 1/2, Bendix Aviation 20 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 100 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 20 1/2, Borden Co. 41 1/2, Canadian Pacific 11 1/2, J. I. Case 43 1/2, Chrysler 60 1/2, Colgate 44 1/2, Commercial Solvent 23 1/2, Corn Products 64 1/2, Dupont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 42 1/2, Electric Light & Power 10 1/2, General Electric 30 1/2, General Motors 56, Goodrich 14 1/2, Goodyear 42 1/2, Homestead Mining 39 1/2, International Harvester 20, International Paper 60 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 13 1/2, Johns-Manville 39 1/2, Kennecott Copper 17 1/2, Montgomery Ward 51, National Distillers 29 1/2, National Lead 32 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 18 1/2, Radio Corp. 8 1/2, Republic Steel 28 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 20 1/2, Schenley 29, Sears Roebuck 34 1/2, Shell Oil 22 1/2, Sweeney Vacuum 15 1/2, Southern Pacific 48, Standard Brands 27 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 59 1/2, Standard Oil of N. J. 74, Studebaker 20 1/2, Union Carbide 38 1/2, Union Pacific 40 1/2, US Steel 76 1/2, US Lines 19 1/2, Westinghouse 28 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 74 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12.—Associated Press.

N.Y. RUBBER

New York, Jan. 17.
Crude rubber futures closed 50 to 70 lower. Sales were 226 contracts.

March 21.50, May 20.30, July 19.55 bid, September 19.05 bid.

No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 21 1/2 nominal.—Associated Press.

Exporter's Plan For China Aid

New York, Jan. 17.

William Hunt, former United States diplomat in China and currently a prominent exporter to China, called today for US\$600,000,000 immediate credit for the industrialisation of China.

He then outlined a programme calling for the following:

1. Rehabilitation of the Canton-Hankow railway.
Mr. Hunt said this should be part of an overall aid programme, including military supplies and help for currency reform.

"A total of US\$1,500,000,000 would not be too much," said Mr. Hunt. He said US\$600,000,000 credit over two years

2. Rehabilitation of factories in Southern China.

3. Modernisation of irrigation of new equipment.

4. Advancement of chemical fertiliser projects.

5. Revive Chinese river and coastal traffic by supplying ships. "These could be built in Italy, thus helping to rehabilitate Italian dockyards and supplying some of the best ships made in the world. As a matter of fact, the Scandinavians even build some of their ships in Italy."

6. Credit purchases for wool and US\$32,000,000 tobacco purchase credit.—United Press.

Marquand On Tour

London, Jan. 17.
H. A. Marquand, Secretary of the Board of Overseas Trade and to-day on a six-week tour of Development, left London airport Cairo to Capetown.

Before he left, Marquand said Africa would benefit from an increased volume of production and trade. There were numerous projects for development all of which would require investment.

"We in Britain want to give the best assistance we can to African development. Other governments besides the United Kingdom are concerned."

"I am hoping that I will be able to help my colleagues here to formulate their plans by gaining first-hand knowledge for myself. I also hope to have useful conversations with Government officials and businessmen in Africa about the problems of trade at the moment."—Associated Press.

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OUT FOR 458
Indians Carry OnLaunceston, Jan. 17.
Tasmania were all out for 458 runs in the second day of their return match against the Indian tourists, who had scored 457 runs in their first innings. Batting again, India scored 12 runs for one wicket at the close of play.

The uncertainty of cricket was provided today by Tasmania, outplayed at Hobart, putting up a great performance. Tasmania, facing a big total, made the Indian bowling look tame.

Walmesley played excellent cricket, with strokes all round the wicket. India's dropping of Walmesley when 73, Rangachari's misses off Morrisby when at zero cost India 250 runs. The missed catches tell their own tale. India has paid heavily for missed catches on this tour.

Survive, bowling mostly off-spinners, troubled the tail end batsmen, but Walmesley kept the strike by sacrificing many runs. Morrisby and Wilkes gave Walmesley good support earlier. Tasmania fully deserved their lead, playing confidently after losing the first match easily and then facing a big total in this match.

Sheffield Shield

Hobart, Jan. 17.
Aubrey Harman scored a bright 121 not out for Queens land repaid with 235 for six to South Australia's first innings total 262 when the Sheffield Shield match was continued here today.

South Australia, 246 for eight overnight, lost their last two wickets for 16 runs. Ron Hamence, who has been dropped from the fourth Test team, being bowled for 85.

After a bad start, in which they lost three wickets, including W. A. Brown and W. Morris, for 44 runs, Carrigan and Rex Rogers added 100 for the fourth wicket.

Rogers, usually aggressive, contributed a restrained 29. Carrigan then helped by McCool in a stand of 80, compiled his century in two hours and 52 minutes, having then hit 11 fours.

Brown, striving to regain his form after being dropped from Australia's Test side, was easily caught after making a stylish 25.—Reuter.

HE STOLE THREE
BLANKETS FROM
PRISON

Antonio Marais, 22-year-old Portuguese, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate yesterday charged with stealing three blankets from the Victoria Remand Prison.

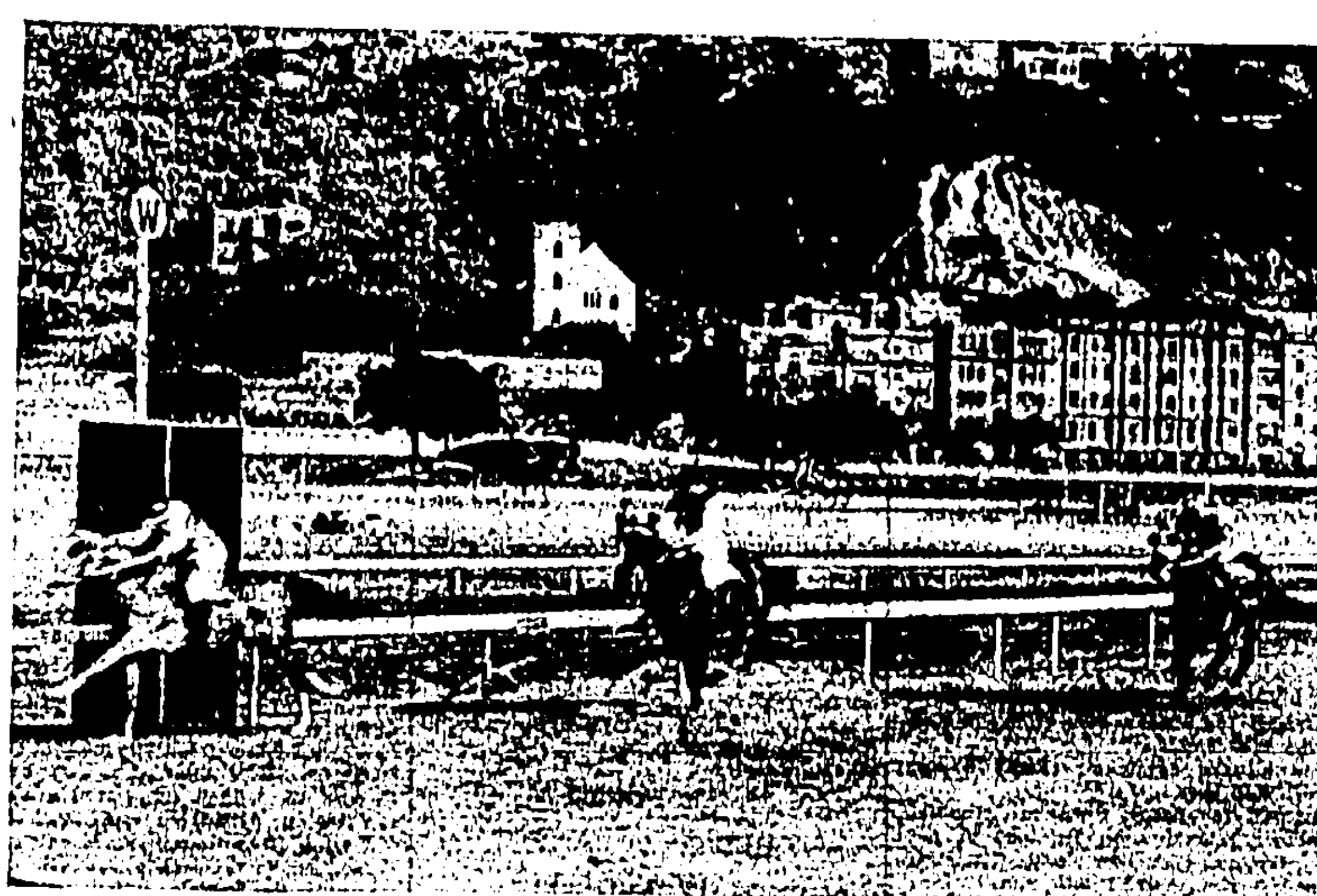
Convicted on the larceny charge, defendant, who had been sentenced to three months in 1947 for demanding money with menaces, was sentenced to four months hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Inspector Moran said that acting on information Police found that defendant entered the Prison on Jan. 12 and took three blankets from a small store room. He sold one to a stall in O'Brien Road, near Wanchai Road, and another in Hennessy Road. Both were recovered, but the third was missing. Defendant admitted the theft.

CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (Toc H) 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.30 p.m. today. The programme will be one of request items and includes the following:—
Overture "Prince Igor" and "Prince Igor" Dances by Borodin.
"Peer Gynt" Suite by Grieg.
Overture "1812" by Tchaikovsky.
Prelude to Act 1 "Lohengrin" by Wagner.
Classical Symphony in D Major by Prokofiev.

Eight applications for licences for selling houses, food-shops, milk-shops, and food preserving establishments, will come up for consideration at the Urban Council meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Sorcerer, which paid its backers \$36.90, is seen here passing the winning post in the Trial Plate in the sixth race of yesterday's Annual Race meeting.
It beat Prince Delight by two lengths with Fluke Shot third.
This was one of the biggest dividends of the day and through there were large fields in most races, cash sweeps and pari-mutuels were generally on the low side.British Sport
Fans Have Busy
Year AheadLondon, Jan. 17.
Britain may not win much in the sports year just started, but at least it will be the busiest any fan can remember.

Leading the way in the invasion of Commonwealth and foreign athletes will be the Olympic Games, scheduled for July 30 until August 14, and the four-month tour of the Australian cricket team, always a "stellar" summer attraction.

For the first time in the history of cricket, test matches between England and its chief cricket enemy, Australia, the games between the two countries here will last five days.

On previous visits of Australian cricket teams four days have been allocated to each match. Women will dominate the golf and tennis fixtures of 1948.

In May, the golfing women of Britain will meet the best women players of the United States for the Curtis Cup.

Two weeks before the All England Lawn Tennis Championships begin, Britain's women tennis players will try to regain the Wightman Cup from the women of America.

Kramer's Title

Jack Kramer (United States) holder of Wimbledon's men singles championship will not defend his title in 1948.

He has turned professional but there is hardly a tennis fan around here who would take even a shade of odds against someone from the United States winning Kramer's amateur crown.

As there is no Walker Cup match on this year's sports schedule, it

is possible Britain may regain the amateur golf title, currently held by America's Willie Turnesa, a member of the U.S. Walker Cup team which defeated Britain in the trophy match at St. Andrews last May.

American amateur golfers may stay at home in 1948, but if Frank Stranahan decides to make the trip, he would be an automatic favourite to win.

This big year of sport in Britain should see a continuance of the boom which has hit the race tracks. Despite the lack of a basic petrol ration which has been seriously affected crowds, race course executives plan increased prize money and more races of an international character.

Money Spinners
While the summer sports get into shape for what should be a really great year, the biggest money spinner of them all, soccer football will be with the fans until the first week in May.

Promotion and relegation fights, the Football Association Cup, the International and the England-Scotland International match, will sustain the interest.

Soccer will go out with a flourish with the F. A. Cup final at Wembley.
It will be back again in the height of summer when one of the most attractive programmes on the Olympics schedule is the soccer tournament.—Associated Press.42 DEATHS
RECORDEDDeaths from infectious diseases during the week ending Jan. 10 totalled 42, according to an official health bulletin.
Included in the 42, were 35 deaths from tuberculosis, five from malaria, and one from meningitis.

In the same period, 110 cases of tuberculosis, 14 of malaria, eight of chicken-pox, six of enteric fever, four of dysentery, three of meningitis and two each of measles and diphtheria were reported to the health authorities.

PROMPTNESS

His promptness saved C. C. Wilson of Gourlie & Co. his Parker 51.

Outside Lane, Crawford Ltd., a Chinese bumped against him and snatched his pen.

Wilson immediately caught hold of the man and handed him over to a constable. The pen was found in the man's hand.

Appearing yesterday at Central Magistracy before Mr. d'Almada, charged with stealing from the person, 25-year-old Mr. Tak, unemployed, was sentenced to four months hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Sidelights
On BoxingNew York, Jan. 17.
Lavern Roach, one of boxing's sensational youngsters last year, is established today as a Madison Square Garden headliner who may draw a US\$100,000 gate in a proposed bout with Frenchman Marcel Cerdan.

Roach, a 21-year-old former marine, made his professional debut last night by taking a decision from Tony Janiro.

Boy Brooks

Munila reports that Boy Brooks will defend his Philippine middleweight title in a 12-rounder with Honolulu's hard-hitting Carl Olson tonight at the Rizal Coliseum.

Olson dropped an unpopular decision to the Filipino last November.

On the same card Jimmy Bird of Singapore will make his first Manila appearance in a 10-rounder with Clever Ciano, Bataan middleweight.—Associated Press.

PROBATES

The late Geoffrey Newhouse, formerly of 7 Albion Terrace, Kowloon Docks, who was killed in action in Hong Kong on Dec. 24, 1941, while serving with the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, left local estate sworn under \$12,300. An application for resealing certified copy of probate of the will of the deceased has been granted to Mr. J. T. Prior, solicitor.

Local estate, sworn under \$33,200, was left by the late Lillian Jane McLeod, 72 Clowes Street, South Yarra, Victoria, Australia, who died on Sept. 23, 1946. An application for resealing exemplification of probate of the will of the deceased has been granted to The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited.

An application for resealing certified copy of grant of letters of administration of the estate of the late Bernard Petheram of Elloe, Blankney, Gloucester, has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, barrister-at-law of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited. The deceased left local estate sworn under \$17,900.
Local estate, sworn under \$21,000, was left by the late John Talbot Ramsden Knowles of Manila, who died in London, England, on Mar. 3, 1940. An application for grant of letters of administration to the estate has been granted to Mr. R.A. Wadson, solicitor.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments etc. were gazetted yesterday:—
Mr. F. Crabb to be an Assistant Collector of Stamp Duty.
Mr. M. G. O'Connor to act as Director of Education.

Mr. J. J. Cowperthwaite resumed duty as Acting Director of Supplies, Trade and Industries.

Mr. C. R. Galloway, M.B.E., E.D., ceased to be the Canadian Government's Assistant Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong.

FOUR THEFTS

Found guilty four robberies in Hong Kong and Kowloon and getting away with property valued at over \$2,500, Wong Kai Tai and Ma Ping Chuen were sentenced to 27 months hard labour and 80 months hard labour, respectively, by Mr. J. G. Condon at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Prosecuting, Inspector Lam said that defendants were assisted by two other men. One was a juvenile and the other was a Malay dealt with at Kowloon Magistracy.

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"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	13th Mar
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Through numbers (H race \$88.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "HONG KONG HERRY" scheduled to be run on the second day, Monday, 19th January. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 332 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges, PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

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The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are order in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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BY ORDER,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

Betty Fired A Hot 76 At Palma Ceia

Tampa, Florida, Jan. 17.
Betty Jamesson, National Women's Open champion from San Antonio, Texas, fired a hot 76 today and took a five stroke lead in the \$3,000 Tampa Women's Golf Tourney at Palma Ceia Links.—United Press.

Louis Let The Press Flop

New York, Jan. 17.
Joe Louis' dismal winning effort against Jersey Walcott in the world heavyweight title bout was the biggest disappointment of 1947 to the sports editors of the United States, who contributed answers to the annual Associated Press poll.

Those who expected the Brown Bomber to make short work of all opposition were let down by his dull effort against the 33-year-old challenger who twice knocked him down flat.

The editors apparently were disgusted, most of all by the sudden degeneration of the heavy-weight king.

Although a large majority of the writers say they think Louis will defeat Walcott, decidedly at this time they agree as they handed the "top of the year" title to the champ with 111 points.

American baseball leaguer Red Sox was second in the flop rankings with 55 while the National League Saint Louis Cardinals was third with 49.

The Red Sox, in an overwhelming choice to win a second straight pennant, never were in the battle after June.

The Cards finished second in the National League race but dropped into the editors by failing to top the pennant.

New York Giants with 24 points was No. 4 Flop.—Associated Press.

Bristol Signs Smith

London, Jan. 17.
Bristol City have signed Sidney Smith, inside forward who was with Notts County during the war and has scored 50 goals in ten army representative games this season.

Another Bristol City signing is Ronald Wilcox, 18-year-old centre-half from Peasdown, St. John's, who played for Somerset last week.

Arsenal have been in touch with officials of Queen of the South, the Scottish League Club, concerning the possible transfer of Billy Houlden, centre-forward who scored twice for the Scottish League against the Irish League in Glasgow on Wednesday.

At a board meeting yesterday, Charlton Athletic's directors decided a decision in the request of the BBC to televise their fourth round.—Reuter.

Bridgetown, Jan. 16.
There was no play on the match between Barbados and the MCC here today.—Reuter.

FRIENDLY CRICKET ROUND-UP Craigengower And K.C.C. Do Well

Owing to the Annual Races only a few friendly cricket games were played. At Happy Valley Craigengower Cricket Club drew with Hong Kong University.

At Kowloon, Royal Air Force were beaten by the Kowloon Cricket Club senior side by 31 runs. Their junior drew with the Airmen at Kai Tak.

K.C.C. - R.A.F.

At Kowloon, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Royal Air Force by 31 runs.

K.C.C.				
E.C. Fincher, b. Gambrell	50			
C.I. Stapleton, b. Dodgson	3			
K. Lo, c. Gambrell, b. Gambrell	40			
G.E. Taylor, b. Dodgson	3			
N. Hart-Baker, not out	13			
J. Barrow, not out	12			
Extras	12			
Total	133			

BOWLING				
Gambrell	10	3	38	2
Dodgson	10	1	32	2
Owen	5	0	27	0
Ratledge	6	0	19	0
Skinner	1	0	5	0

R.A.F.				
F.O. Steel, b. Pope	7			
C.I. Skinner, b. Lee	4			
Sgt. Baxter, b. Hart-Baker	40			
Cpl. Cooper, c. Taylor, b. Smith	5			
F.Sgt. Hewison, b. Lee	5			
F.O. Gambrell, b. Lee	5			
F.C. Owen, b. Hart-Baker	1			
A.C. Morris, run out	0			
A.C. Ratledge, not out	21			
Corpl. Hodgson, b. Lee	2			
A.C. Batchelor, not out	9			
Extras	9			
Total	102			

BOWLING				
C. Pope	7	1	24	1
R.E. Lee	11	2	27	4
P. Smith	3	0	16	1
Hart-Baker	8	0	26	2

SECOND GAME

Results were—
At Kai Tak, Royal Air Force drew with Kowloon Cricket Club.

K.C.C.				
V.H. White, not out	70			
S.C. Truman, b. Priest-James	39			
R. Thompson, b. Priest-James	15			
J.R. Luke, c. Clark, b. Priest-James	15			
P. Kennedy, not out	8			
Extras	8			
Total (for 3 wks. dec.)	146			

BOWLING				
Nicholls	7	0	41	0
Whitehead	6	1	21	0
Priest-James	8	2	28	3
Parker	7	0	48	0

R.A.F.				
Nicholls, c. Thompson, b. Luke	8			
Lucell, b. Luke	0			
Parker, b. Luke	0			
Moorey, not out	37			
Priest-James, b. Luke	0			
Owen, c. Thompson, b. Rang	19			
Whitehead, not out	2			
Extras	4			
Total (for wks.)	79			

BOWLING				
Luke	6	0	10	4
Bond	7	1	30	9
Thompson	4	0	11	0
White	4	2	16	0
Rand	3	0	2	1
Tibble	3	1	9	0

VARSITY - C.C.C.

At Happy Valley, University drew with Craigengower.

UNIVERSITY				
D. Chelliah, b. Ianee	24			
T. Lo, c. Ramechand, b. Chowla	34			
D. Honson, b. Ianee	6			
F.C. Lean, b. Chowla	32			
E. Ho, b. Ianee	16			
S.A. Yanar, b. Ianee	16			
T.H. Lean, b. Omar	1			
J.C. Koh, not out	29			
T.T. Chin, b. Ianee	11			

Hans Amann, not out	1			
H.F. Chan, did not bat	23			
Extras	1			
Total for 8 wks. dec.	186			

BOWLING				
S. Ramechand	5	0	30	0
F.A. Lee, c. and b. Lean	15	1	59	5
F.A. Lee	2	0	9	0
A. Kurunaru	2	0	14	0
B.S. Chowla	4	0	26	7
C.S. Carr	2	0	11	0
I.M. Omar	3	1	12	0

BOWLING				
A.H. Ismail, b. Koh	25			
A. Kurunaru, b. Lean	1			
F.A. Lee, c. and b. Lean	1			
S. Ramechand, c. Amann, b. Vanar	2			
P. Email, b. Lean	13			
R.R. Ianee, b. Vanar	9			
G. Hong Choy, c. Vanar, b. Lean	6			
C.S. Carr, b. Vanar	6			
B.S. Chowla, not out	6			
L. Wong, not out	1			
Extras	19			
Total for 9 wks.	111			

BOWLING				
T.H. Lean	10	4	20	4
S.A. Vanar	9	2	25	4
J.C. Koh	8	1	31	1
D. Chelliah	3	0	11	0

C.R.E. - SIGNALS

In a friendly cricket match at Sun-kunpo yesterday C.R.E. beat Royal Signals by 33 runs. C.R.E. batting first were soon fighting for runs but a good innings by Payne rallied their score.

The bowling honours went to Ford who took 7 wickets. Cockerill who took three wickets was unfortunate in leaving quite a few catches dropped off his bowling.

Signals went in to bat but were always fighting for runs and Cockerill found no one to stem the rot with him and after he left to a good ball by Banks. Signals innings ended in the next over. Banks took three wickets for C.R.E. without conceding a run.

BOWLING				
Shaw, b. Ford	10			
Banks, b. Cockerill	10			
Hogg, b. Ford	2			
Balderson, b. Ford	0			
Thornhill, b. Ford	14			
Moreton, b. Cockerill	0			
Payne, b. Ford	23			
Hall, b. Cockerill	5			
Lovett, c. and b. Ford	0			
Twinn, b. Ford	0			
Clark, not out	0			
Extras	5			
Total	59			

BOWLING				
Ford	12	2	7	27
Cockerill	13	1	3	27

R. SIGNALS				
Cockerill, b. Banks	14			
Richards, b. Payne	0			
Griffin, c. Moreton, b. Payne	0			
Ford, b. Moreton	4			
Crowder, b. Moreton	0			
Rowlands, run out	1			
Broughton, c. Moreton, b. Twinn	1			
Firby, c. and b. Banks	0			
Jones, b. Banks	0			
Wright, not out	0			
McKinnon, c. and b. Moreton	0			
Extras	4			
Total	36			

BOWLING				
Payne	8	1	2	6
Moreton	7	0	3	16
Banks	1	1	3	0
Twinn	1	1	1	0

Ex-Marine Smashes Into Big Time

New York, Jan. 17.
Young Lavern Roach, a former Marine from Plainview, Texas, smashed into big time today by outboxing and outpunching Tony Janiro, middleweight from Youngstown, Ohio, to win an unanimous ten-round decision.

His outstanding performance was matched by 12,000 fans at Madison Square Garden.—United Press.

15-Player Squad For US Olympics

New York, Jan. 17.
The U.S. Olympic Committee has named a 15-player squad as the official United States Olympic hockey team of 1948, thus forcing the Swiss organizing committee and the International Olympic Committee to decide which of the two teams will carry the Red, White and Blue in the coming game.

One squad of players, approved by the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States and Swiss Committee, landed in England on Thursday.

The group, however, was not approved by the U.S. Olympic Committee and does not therefore fulfil all its requirements for participation in the games.—Association Press.

Woodcock Detained

London, Jan. 17.
Bruce Woodcock, British Empire and European heavyweight champion, was detained in Leeds general infirmary to-night, suffering from eye trouble.

He underwent an operation on his left eye last year.

He will be seen by specialists tomorrow, and was stated to-night to be fairly comfortable.

The trouble started when Woodcock was carrying out "toughening" work in a quarry, and stone dust became lodged behind his left eye.

An operation was performed. Woodcock left hospital last month.

The two prospective fights for the champion are against Johnny Ralph of South Africa and Jo Weidlin of Austria in defence of his Empire and European titles respectively. He also had in mind an extensive American tour early this year.—Reuter.

COUNTY PROFIT

London, Jan. 17.
The Yorkshire County Cricket Club made a profit last year of £481 and their accumulated fund now stands at £24,302.

Repairs at Headingley during the year cost £7,500 and the annual report, which will be presented at the annual meeting at Leeds on Jan. 20, expresses the hope that further work on other county grounds will be taken.—Reuter.

HIT AND MISS

Southampton, Jan. 16.
Fifteen members of the Canadian air force Olympic hockey team escaped injury today when a street car struck the rear of their chartered bus.

Members of a 20-member team, they were travelling in a special car loaded with equipment.

The team arrived by the Queen Elizabeth.—United Press.

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